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TOUR OF ORIENT.

"President Jackson" arrived in harbour early this morning decorated with bunting in honour of the millionaire shipping magnate, Capt. Robert Dollar, who is aboard.

Capt. Robert Dollar is somewhat of a national hero, not only on account of his organisation of a vast shipping concern with interests all over the world but on account of the good work he has done in maintaining good relations between America and the nations of the world, particularly China. It is interesting to recall that he was one of the first prominent American citizens to be approached regarding recognition of the Chinese Republic in 1911.

In the course of interviews with Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Mr. Tang Shao-yi at this time Captain Dollar warned them that the time was not ripe for inaugurating the new regime and that considerable difficulty would be experienced if the issue was forced before the people of China were educated up to a standard at which the working of a Republic would be possible.

Even more than his association with the Dollar shipping lines and the prominent part he was played in important world issues, Captain Dollar's genial and forceful personality is better known to the general public through the medium of the popular writer, Peter Kyne, who has made of him his hero, Cappy Ricks, figuring in a series of widely read stories dealing with life in the lumber fields.

Former Lumber Jack.

It was as a lumber jack that Captain Robert Dollar first commenced his struggle in life and although his clever dealings since his rise to prosperity have stamped him as a man who was bound to rise very considerably from that estate it was a stroke of luck which first set his foot on the ladder of success. As a skipper stranded without a cargo in the Philippines he risked taking a cargo of copra on his return to San Francisco—the first of its kind to be taken there. It caught on with the result that its export there has reached twenty million gold dollars a year.

Captain Dollar, although advanced in years, has preserved all those qualities of character and keen faculties which have enabled him to reach his present position. In appearance he is trim almost to elegance and it may be that in his very quietness and absence of bluster, the first thing which strikes one in conversation with him, lies the secret of getting through the work which he recommends to the young man anxious to get on in the world. "Work, hard work, and plenty of it is the only sure way to success" is his advice.

Whilst in Hongkong, Captain Dollar will make the acquaintance of the local representatives of the Dollar lines. He will leave for Manila on Sunday afternoon.

PROPERTY BOOM?

OWNERS ASKING FOR MORE TIME.

BUILDING COVENANT.

Those who argue that landlords should be protected point to the need of asking for time to build, as a criterion of there being no property boom at present.

According to the vernacular papers, people who previously bought land from the Government are now devising means to obtain an extension of time in which to build. (On building covenants certain penalties are implied if the purchaser fails to construct a certain type of building within a stated period).

The Hongkong and Kowloon Property Owners Association has been asked to help, states the report, and a meeting has been held. A decision has been come to whereby a petition will be made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs; and the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council will also be asked to use their good offices concludes the report.

IF IT CAME.

WHAT HAPPENS IN CENTRE OF TYPHOON.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE.

Since 1923, Hongkong has not felt the full force of a typhoon. Then the wind velocity reached a record of 130 miles an hour.

Some residents are anxious to know what conditions are like when in the thick of a cyclone.

Hitherto Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, gave an idea of what would happen if a typhoon came to Hongkong.

Central Calm Area.

The passage of the centre of a typhoon over two or more adjacent stations affords a means of determining the diameter of the calm area which exists at the centre of a typhoon.

If for instance, at one station (A) the calm lasts for twenty minutes, while at another station (B) 2.4 miles to eastward the calm lasts 50 minutes and the typhoon is travelling north at the rate of 12 miles an hour, then the diameter of the calm area would be 12 miles.

At a third station (C) 9 miles to the east of (A) the calm would would last 50 minutes also, but the wind would veer, whereas at A and B it would back, C being on the opposite side of the centre to A and B.

The centre calm, or eve of the storm as it is called, differs in different typhoons. Its diameter varies from about 7 to 25 miles.

Typhoon Varieties.

Sometimes an almost absolute calm occurs and sometimes light, variable winds are prevalent. Sometimes the skies clear completely sometimes partially and sometimes the heavy nimbus merely gives way to a veil of thinner cloud.

The barometric minimum (which varies from 27 inches to 29 inches) is said to occur sometimes at the beginning of the calm, sometimes shortly before, and sometimes shortly after; but as the time-scale of the ordinary barograph is usually very contracted and the driving clock an imperfect timekeeper, it is frequently impossible to say within 5, 10, or even 15 minutes, when the minimum pressure occurs. Probably it is within a few minutes of the calm. When the diameter of the calm area is large, and the sky clears, the temperature rises as the centre passes, otherwise there is no perceptible change.

Incredible Violence.

Typhoons vary considerably in strength. In some the violence of the winds even 100 miles from the centre beggars description while in others a vessel may pass actually through the centre without sustaining serious damage.

On June 2, 1916, the Observatory in Kowloon was on the edge of the calm centre of a small typhoon, moving north-east and evidently filling up. The wind, which had been strong to fresh, died away completely between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. increasing again with fresh squalls from northward by 4 p.m. No damage was done. In contrast to this may be mentioned the Mauritius typhoon of April 29, 1892, in which 10,000 people were killed.

"If"—In Hongkong.

In those days little was known by the public about typhoons, and the central calm was mistaken for the end of the storm. People therefore opened hurricane shutters, and left their houses, some never to return and others to find them in ruins, or blown to another street by the terrific hurricane which followed the central calm.

Even if fully prepared Hongkong would suffer considerably, should the centre of a severe typhoon pass over the Island.

Ancient (and some modern) houses would collapse and probably a certain portion of the ships in shelter would be blown ashore and their decks swept clean. Many trees would be blown down. The greatest danger to pedestrians would be from tiles and corrugated iron hurtling through the air.

The name of the Japan Gazette Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of Companies.

SMART RUSE.

"JUMP THE MOON" LODGER ARRESTED.

CONCEALED FAN.

With more brains than honesty, a lodger at a Chinese boarding house attempted to "jump the moon" but was arrested when trying to make off with an electric fan.

He now has six weeks in which to think of another ruse—or at least the intervals between hard labour each day in the jail for that period—such being the sentence on him.

This bright lad entered the boarding-house with a grip and paid $2 as deposit. He then asked for a fan for his room, same being supplied as an "extra." After a while, he closed the door of his room and went out. He then returned with a basket. Sitting down in the room for another brief period, he went out again, taking the basket with him, and locking the door behind him.

The fan was hidden inside the basket but the vigilance of one of the "boys" was too much for him, and he was arrested as he was walking down the stairs, full of dignity and ignoring the shouts of the servant who chased him.

MEN OUSTED.

WOMEN TAKING PLACES IN TEA-HOUSES.

SEX COMPETITION.

Because of young Chinese women taking up employment as waitresses, employees of local tea-houses are said to be taking steps to ensure their means of livelihood.

Most of the men concerned are members of the Tea House (Employees) Union. It is stated that over a hundred are now idle and becoming a burden to the Union.

The same source gives the number of waitresses now employed in Hongkong as over eight hundred—this from a small beginning when the strike commenced and there was then a real shortage.

Petitions have been presented by the men. A suggestion has been made that to safeguard their employment the masters cease to employ waitresses.

That the novelty has caught on is evident from the vernacular advertisements which have appeared announcing that Miss So-and-So has now accepted an appointment with a certain firm—this fact being treated as a drawing "card."

An intresting situation has arisen and developments are awaited.

PERJURY.

DRAFT OF NEW BILL.

A Bill to amend the Perjury Ordinance it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council shortly.

The objects and reasons state:—

This Bill proposes to effect a minor amendment in the Perjury Ordinance, 1922. Section 10 of that Ordinance makes it possible, when a witness has made two contradictory statements, to charge him with having made the contradictory statements and to obtain a conviction on proof of this contradiction without the necessity of proving the truth or falsehood of either statement. This section originally appeared as section 6 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1857. Section 12 of the Perjury Ordinance gives a Judge or Magistrate power to direct a prosecution for perjury and to commit the accused for trial or to admit to bail. There is no similar power to order a prosecution for an offence against section 10. Clause 2 of the Bill proposes to give this power.

The following have made application to be appointed auditors for the purposes of the Companies Ordinances, 1911 and 1925, and that they are, in the opinion of the Registrar of Companies, qualified to perform the duties required by the Ordinances to be performed by an auditor:—Messrs. Maurice Jenks, F.C.A., John Edward Percival, F.C.A., John Casburn Pidgeon, F.C.A., Alfred Ernest Copp, A.C.A., and, Messrs. Maurice Jenks, Percival and Isitt.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, today was 2/2 7/16.

THE WEATHER.

PROSPECTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

OFFICIAL FORECAST.

After several rainy week-ends, Hongkongites will all be hoping that the weather will be favourable for August bank holiday on Monday.

The typhoon is not threatening Hongkong. Till noon to-morrow the forecast is fine.

It is now evident that the typhoon is swerving towards the north, away from Hongkong.

The official forecast reads:—

For Hongkong and adjoining coast: Moderate South-West winds; fine. For the Formosa Channel: N.W. to S.W. winds, strong.

At 11.25 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased considerably from N.E. China to N.E. Japan, and slightly from E. China to the Bonins and over the Philippines.

The Japan depression has passed into the Pacific.

A feeble anti-cyclone is central to the south of the Bonins.

The typhoon at 6 a.m. to-day was in Lat. 23 N., Long. 122 E., moving N.N.W. It is not threatening Hongkong.

Further information about the track of the typhoon has been cabled by the Manila Observatory, to the American Consulate-General in Hongkong as follows:—

2.45 p.m. yesterday: typhoon in about Lat. 20 N., Long. 123 E., moving N.N.W.

9.30 a.m. to-day: typhoon in about Lat. 21 N., Long. 123 E., moving N.N.W.

From these two cables it will be seen that the cyclone has moved more to the north than in the direction of Hongkong and that it is still well out of the 300 miles zone.

TYPHOONS.

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

WORK OF TUG.

The following is published by the Harbour Master in the "Government Gazette":—

1. When there are immediate prospects of the weather conditions becoming so bad as to place the native craft in the Harbour in danger of being unable to make shelter on their own account, a red ensign will be hoisted at the Harbour Office indicating that the Rescue Tug Kau Sing will be available to assist to tow such craft to shelter.

2. The Rescue Tug Kau Sing will fly the Red Ensign at the Masthead by day and three Lights vertically Green Red Green by night and will proceed down to the Central and Southern Fairways to the limit of the shipping, and all mercantile or private craft which desire to avail themselves of a tow to shelter should be ready with their ropes to be taken in tow as the Tug returns.

3. All craft will be towed towards Yaumati Refuge.

4. If the wind is blowing from the Eastward, assistance to the shipping at the Western end of the Harbour will be rendered first.

5. Native craft are not to depend on the Rescue Tug Kau Sing entirely but should endeavour to make shelter on their own account, as early as possible.

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1.—$0.25. 2.—$1.25. 3.—$2.50.

COAL CRISIS.

DRIFT BACK VIRTUALLY STOPPED.

DELEGATES' CONFERENCE.

London, July 30.

The National Miners' Delegate Conference in London considered the reports from districts, particularly the Midlands, where, it was declared, the drift back to work has now practically stopped, and they also discussed the memorandum of the proposals of the Bishops and Free Church leaders, providing an immediate resumption on pre-strike conditions, and a negotiation of a national settlement within four months, the disagreements existing thereafter to be referred to an arbitrator.

Mr. Cook and other leaders, however, advised the delegates that the Federation did not agree with the question of hours being referred to an arbitrator.—Reuter.

Emergency To Continue.

London, July 30.

The House of Commons adopted a resolution by 230 votes to 84 continuing the Emergency Regulations for a month.—Reuter.

Surrender of Policy.

London, July 30.

At the miners' conference there was a most animated discussion on the arbitration proposal in the Bishops' memorandum, some declaring that its adoption would be token weakening.

There was very frank criticism of the leaders' suggestion to compromise on wages, whilst defending the existing hours at all costs, some delegates describing this as a "surrender of policy."

Eventually the conference decided by a large majority to send the Bishops' proposals to the districts for a vote, with a recommendation that they be adopted.

It was announced that altogether 6,100 (excluding safety men) had resumed work on the whole coal fields.

It is pointed out that even if the Bishops' proposals become the official basis of the negotiations there is no likelihood of immediate discussions on it as Mr. Baldwin has already refused the subsidy necessary to make the proposals possible.

The delegates to-day contemplated a struggle extending to the end of September.—Reuter.

COMING VOTE.

What it Means to Both Sides.

Rugby, July 30.

At the conference of miners' delegates which was held to-day Mr. Herbert Smith, President of the Miners' Federation, called upon the delegates to give reports on the position in their districts and the numbers of men who had returned to work. It is stated that it was found that in the aggregate 6,100 men had resumed work in all the coal fields, excluding safety men. The men who had returned were not necessarily coal getters, but generally embraced every class of mine workers.

There was afterward a discussion on the general position and on the recommendation of the Executive that the peace proposals framed in conjunction with the Bishops and the Free Church leaders should be accepted.

It is understood that the discussion was at times very animated. The Executive had ruled out of the proposals any arbitration on the question of hours, but delegates from some of the larger districts are stated to have objected also to arbitration on wage reductions.

At the close of the conference, however, it was officially stated that it had been decided by a very large majority to send the proposals to the districts to be voted upon, with a recommendation that they be accepted.

Whatever may be the result of the district vote, there will remain the fact that the primary proposal is that work shall be resumed for a period of four months at the old rate of wages whilst negotiations are proceeding, and that financial assistance shall be given by Government for this purpose. The Government has definitely stated that no such further subsidy or loan is possible. If the vote is favourable, however, it will at least mean that positive proposals have been substituted for the negative declarations of the miners' leaders, which have hitherto stood in the way of negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

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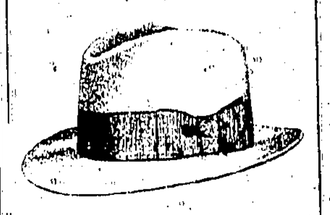

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

CHINA'S SHIPPING AND FREIGHTS.

The shipping and freight situation in China in 1925 is reviewed as follows in the report on the foreign trade of China issued by the Statistical Secretary of the Customs:—

A comparison of the last three years' figures shows that the agitations, boycotts, and strikes of 1925 have affected the shipping to a greater extent than they have influenced China's import and export trade. In 1923 the number of steamers which passed through the ports of China was 122,373, aggregating 127 million tons, and that of sailing vessels was 60,349, with a total of 4 million tons.

The figures for 1924 were 132,213 steamers, aggregating 136.8 million tons, and 54,169 sailing vessels, aggregating 4.6 million tons; while in 1925 the number of steamers declined to 120,092, with a total of 124.5 million tons, and that of sailing vessels to 47,654, with a total of 3.68 million tons. Great Britain, although still holding the biggest share of the shipping, exhibited a decrease on the 1924 figures of 11,949 vessels, totalling 12.77 million tons, the total number of vessels under the British flag which entered and cleared at Chinese ports in 1925 being 36,937, aggregating 42.9 million tons.

Next in importance came Japan, with 27,261 vessels and 35 million tons, as compared with 26,294 vessels and 34.76 million tons in 1924. With regard to the actual number of vessels, China should take precedence over Japan, as 44,734 vessels under the Chinese flag appear in the Shipping table for 1925; but the Chinese tonnage was only 29.9 million tons, and is therefore inferior to that of Japan.

The Chinese figures show an advance of some 490,000 tons, though the number of vessels was less than in 1924, when 44,806 vessels under the Chinese flag were entered and cleared at Chinese ports. America was again fourth on the list, with 5,608 vessels and 5.36 million tons; a decrease, however, of 827 vessels and some 500,000 tons when compared with the 1924 figures. Germany has advanced from 2 million tons (539 vessels) in 1924 to 2.48 million tons (604 vessels) in 1925, and Norway from 2.07 million tons (1,544 vessels) to 2.4 million tons (1,937 vessels).

France, on the other hand, declined from 2.18 million tons (2,380 vessels) in 1924 to 2 million tons (1,915 vessels) in 1925, while 44,000 tons, the total number of Dutch vessels in 1925 being 547, aggregating 1.8 million tons. Next on the list were Italy, Portugal, and Denmark, with 699,000 tons (1,418 vessels), 629,000 tons (1,825 vessels), and 556,000 tons (192 vessels) respectively. These figures represent an increase of 100,000 tons under the Italian flag and decreases of 416,000 and 59,000 tons under the Portuguese and Danish flags.

The Russian flag exhibited an advance, from 176,000 tons (183 vessels) to 279,000 tons (223 vessels), and the Brazilian flag made its appearance with 21 vessels and some 23,000 tons. All the other flags have generally declined.

Freight.

The year 1925 has been an anxious one for the freight trade. Apart from the complications arising out of the seamen's strike during the summer months, which for a time interfered seriously, not only with coast and river shipping, but also with overseas lines, as has been noted in the course of this report, adverse economic conditions in Europe and the generally unsettled situation in China had their counter-effect on the carrying trade, and it is said that shipping companies have not accomplished much more than cover their expenses.

One effect of the agitation following on the May 30th incidents has been the dislocation of tonnage at Shanghai and at some of the other ports. Goods from Dairen, Tientsin, Chefoo, and Kiaochow for ports in the United States were diverted from Shanghai to Kobe, and it is probable that, with freights remaining equal, they will continue in future by that route. Direct shipping for abroad, principally for America, from Tientsin and Hankow was also more noticeable during the year under review, while the embargo placed on Hongkong shipping by Canton was responsible for an increased coastwise movement between the last-named port and Amoy and Shanghai for transhipments to and from foreign countries.

Freight rates to Europe for beans from Manchuria were steady and remunerative in the earlier part of the year, when the tonnage was barely sufficient to meet the demand and the rate quoted was 35 shillings per ton; but a considerable falling off occurred later—as low as 20 shillings per ton being quoted from April to July—and the year closed with a rather weak demand and the rate firm at 30 shillings. Freight rates for silk, tea, and other goods, controlled by the Conference instituted to provide reciprocal benefits for both shippers and carriers, were steady throughout the year as follows: fine silk from 40 to 45 shillings and yellow and wild silk from 31 to 36 shillings per hundredweight; waste silk, 95 shillings; tea, 75 to 76½ shillings; egg products, 75 shillings per 40 cubic feet; sesamum seed, 46 shillings per ton.

Rates to America.

Freights to the United States of America, via Pacific and via Panama Canal, were less steady, being affected by a very keen competition and by a supply of tonnage in excess of the demand. The rate for bean, oil from Dairen to Seattle was Gold $7 per ton during the March quarter and declined to a nominal Gold $5 during May and June, to rise again to Gold $6 during July, at which level it remained, with an occasional spurt to Gold $7, until the end of the year. Tea could be shipped to the Pacific coast for Gold $6 per 40 cubic feet. Serious efforts are being made to establish "Conference rates," so as to put a stop to the ruinous practice of rate cutting.

Coastwise trade benefited at certain periods of the year by the railway disorganisation, which diverted to river and coast steamers cargo usually carried to Shanghai, or from Shanghai to inland marts, by rail, and by the Canton situation, whereby a diversion of trade routes to Amoy and Shanghai was effected. Unfortunately the boycott against British and Japanese shipping proved a serious obstacle, while it lasted, by reducing the required tonnage, and the competition of tramp steamers, which took advantage of the situation, was not conducive to maintaining the coastwise freight market at a steady level.

JAPANESE ORGANISE COTTON COMPANY.

Tokyo, July 24.

The Peru Raw Cotton Company, with a capital authorised of 1,000,000 yen has just been organised in Japan to grow cotton in Peru for Japanese spindles. Natazo Kita, one of the main promoters, who has recently returned from an inspection trip into Peru, states that the quality of cotton grown there is superior to the American staple, being about half way in quality between American and Egyptian.

At first the company will operate on Japanese capital only, but will later take in Peruvian capital, as a joint investment; with Peruvians serving on the board of directors.

The company proposes to buy 500 acres as a beginning, from which a first crop next year of between a million and a million and a half pounds of raw cotton is expected. This cotton will average in price from 10 to 15 cents a pound above the American quotation.—"United Press."

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

Washington, D.C., July 26.

The department of commerce, reporting to-day on the financial condition of American industries, announced that all boom years in American history have been exceeded by the steady growth of industry during 1925 and the first seven months of 1926.

The average wages are twice the pre-war figures. The railroads have set a new record in freight traffic, reporting larger gross earnings than ever before, and a larger net return than any year since the war. All branches of industry are prospering, the report says, while foreign trade is exceptionally good. Even the outlook for agriculture is brighter than for many years.—"United Press."

SHANGHAI DOCKS TLS. 8.25 DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Tls. 8.25 per share will be recommended at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., to be held on July 30 at the head office, 150 Broadway, Hongkew. The report of the directors states:—

The net profit for the year ending April 30, 1926, including the amount brought forward from last year, after paying all charges and allowing for all known liabilities, amounts to Tls. 559,659.50.

This amount the directors recommend be dealt with as follows, viz:—

	Tls.
A dividend of Tls. 8.25 per share, absorbing	455,400.00
And carry to new account	104,259.50
	559,659.50

A vacancy on the board of directors during the year was caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Dollar, and Mr. O. G. Steen having accepted the invitation to fill the vacancy, his appointment requires your confirmation.

Since the close of the year, Mr. A. Brooke Smith and Mr. H. M. Tibbey resigned on their retirement from Shanghai, and Mr. Fu Siao-en and Mr. B. D. F. Beith having accepted invitations to join the Board, their appointment requires confirmation.

In accordance with Par. 98 of the Articles of Association, two Directors, Mr. H. W. Lester and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who offer themselves for re-election.

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HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two

July 30 to August 5, 1926.

Date	High Water		Lower Water	
July	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 30	m 1 46	4.8	m 6 28	2.9
	1 18a	4.2	7 54 a	1.6
Sat. 31	m 3 35	4.3	m 7 33	3.0
	2 2 a	5.1	8 44 a	2.3
Sun. 1	m 3 28	5.0	m 9 13	3.0
	3 50a	4.8	9 35 a	2.8
Mon. 2	m 4 24	5.4	m 11 13	2.7
	5 34a	4.4	10 25 a	3.1
Tues. 3	m 5 19	5.7	0 34 a	2.2
	6 5a	4.3	11 14 a	3.3
Wed. 4	m 6 8	5.8	1 33 a	1.7
	8 19a	4.1		
Thurs. 5	m 6 53	6.5	m 0 2	3.4
	9 9a	4.1	2 17 a	1.3

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			July 22, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛腰肉	lb.	34	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	34	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛肉	„	34	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	30	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	28	20	18
„ Steak	牛肉排	„	34	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳	„	34	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	90	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.00	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛	„	38	20	18
„ Feet	牛	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛	„	30	20	22
„ Liver	牛	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊扒	lb.	50	26	—
„ Leg	羊	„	50	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊	„	48	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍	„	50	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪	„	25	—	27
„ Brains	猪腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	猪	lb.	18	15	—
„ Fry	猪	„	25	15	18
„ Head	猪	„	24	20	—
„ Heart	猪	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	猪	„	14	10	8
„ Liver	猪	lb.	45	30	24
Pork Chop	猪	„	42	25	23
„ Leg	猪	„	42	—	—
„ Loin	猪	„	45	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	猪	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	per set	85	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	32	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊	„	50	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛	„	34	20	18
„ Mutton	羊	„	50	26	24
Veal	牛仔	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔	„	40	20	20
„ „ No. 1		„		—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯰	lb.	26	19	24
Bream	扁	„	24	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	塘魚(省城淡水魚)	„	22	18	16
Carp	鯉	„	40	16	27
Catfish	鮰	„	32	12	9
Codfish	鱈	„	36	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	45	23	26
Cuttle Fish	魚	„	20	16	2
Dab		„	75	23	16
Dace	青尾	„	14	10	9
Dog Fish	鯊肚	„	12	10	8
Eels, Conger	海	„	28	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水魚	„	22	10	18
„ Yellow	黃	„	62	26	30
Frogs	田	„	75	32	25
Garoupa	石班	„	77	40	30
Gudgeon	蝦	„	26	18	15
Herrings	白鮊	„	32	22	18
Halibut	蹄單	„	30	18	23
Labrus	黃	„	32	22	18
Loach	鳥	„	75	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	74	32	21
Mackerel	鯖	„	26	20	23
Monk Fish	老公魚	„	45	32	23
Mullet	鯔	„	28	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	33	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公	„	32	14	9
Perch	鱸	„	36	20	15
Pike	西花班	„	16	13	9
Plaice	班	„	60	23	14
Pomfret, Black	鯧	„	47	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	43	35	30
Prawns	明蝦	„	68	35	45
Ray	琵琶	„	10	10	14
Rock Fish	石崇	„	34	13	18
Roach	公魚	„	45	12	16
Salmon	鮭	„	77	35	30
Shark	沙魚	„	10	8	10
Skate	魟	„	26	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	70	26	35
Snappers	立魚	„	65	32	30
Soles	沙魚	„	38	28	28
Tench	尤口	„	40	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	„	42	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	„	$1.30	40	—

Poultry.

			July 22, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	55	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	50	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	55	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	50	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	75	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hollow	海口鴿	„	22	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	—	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	—	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	„	—	—	9
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	—	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	60	35	—
Apples California	金山蘋菓	„	32	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山吉蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	13	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	—
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	6	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	32	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	—	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	35	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	16	—	15
Grapes	菩提子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鵝芝竹	each	—	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜角	lb.	6	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	20	8	—
Beet Root	紅頭瓜	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	8	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	6	5	9
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	10	5	12
„ (Shanghai)	鄉菜	„	20	12	—
Cape Shoots, bunch	豆苗菜	„	18	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大種花	each	—	—	—
„ (Medium	中種菜花	„	—	—	—
„ (Small)	細種菜花	lb.	—	6	6
Carrots	金笋	„	9	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	12	10	8
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	25	25	5
„ Red	紅花椒	„	12	10	16
„ Green	青辣椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	架厘材料	lb.	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	6	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老姜	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	(辣)	each	25	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	鵝生菜	lb.	12	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	14	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	16	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	45	—	8
Okroes		„	14	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	8	8	8
„ Green	生葱	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海葱頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	35	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	8	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	8	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	6	8	10
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	„	14	—	10
Shallots	子葱頭	„	10	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	„	8	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	14	7	—
Taros	芋頭	„	6	6	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	蘿蔔	„	7	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	12	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	12	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	10	6	—

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Hongkong, 26th day of July, 1926.

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HONGKONG WATERWORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after MONDAY, 2nd August, a CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WATER will be turned on in all Rider Main Districts until further Notice.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1926.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 50 cents per share has been declared payable on THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST next, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Registered Office of the Company, Canal Road East, Bowrington, Hongkong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 13th AUGUST to THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1926.

NOTICES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON MONDAY, the 2nd August, 1926, all departments will be CLOSED.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1926.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 2nd August, 1926.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1926.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

MR. P. M. HODGSON having resigned the Honorary Secretaryship of this Association all Communications and letters in future should be addressed to the undersigned who has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Association.

G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o H.K. Telegraph.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1926.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

PROMENADE CONCERT
on
Volunteer Parade Ground,
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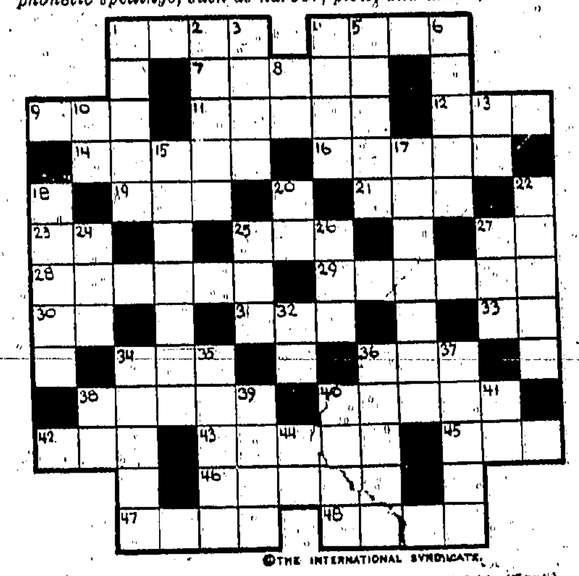

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HORIZONTAL
1–To cut fine
4–Two inclusively
7–Appendage (pl.)
9–Mongrel
11–Ancient Mexican race
12–To find fault continually
14–A coarse cigar
16–Dude
19–To catch sight of
21–A beam
23–Part of the verb "to be"
25–To pay addressed to
27–Pronoun
28–Distant
29–Harmony; accord
30–Upon
31–Small portion
33–Exist
34–Enclosure
35–Very moist

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
36–An evergreen
40–Buffalo
42–In favor of
43–Clamping devices (pl.)
45–At this time
46–Without company
47–Temporary quiet period
48–Walked

VERTICAL
1–Pains
2–Affected; theatrical
3–Misty
4–Lost blood
5–Boy's name
6–Convenient
8–Personal pronoun
10–A large country (abbr.)
13–Always
15–Resisted

VERTICAL (Cont.)
17–Those born in a given country
18–Term in billiards
20–Act
22–Refresh
24–Human beings
25–Spider's home
26–Away from home
27–Shelf at the side of a fireplace
32–Within
34–Danger
35–Pertaining to the Navy
36–More knowing
37–Harmonized, as a color
38–Business firm (abbr.)
39–Rivulet
40–Crooked
41–Nay
44–Thus

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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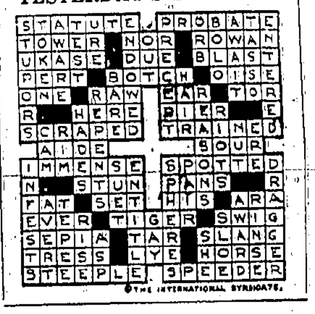

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Paris, July 24.

The dancing masters of the world sat in judgment in Paris on the Charleston and found it giddy but wanting. It will never go down in history with the fox trot, tango and waltz.

The Charleston is not enough civilised for rest of the world outside of the United States. That is what the world's slickest dancing masters decided, even though, in so doing, they took a chance on hurting the feelings of the Prince of Wales who is considerable of a Charlestonor himself and is doing all he can to popularise the dance.

Of the Charleston, the Professors decided "its origin is negroid, its aspect is immoral, its influence is unspeakable and consequently, it is unworthy to be practised in good society."

Professor Jimmy Tellis, who panders tango lessons to denizens of the capital of ancient Greece, put on a Charleston for the enlightenment of the other masters, but Jimmy never learned the Charleston in its native haunts and he really didn't do it justice.

The crowd went into an uproar as Jimmy contortioned and threatened to dislocate himself permanently. Europe had never seen anything like it. Its jungle taint shocked, its acrobatics affrighted the light ons of European evening wear.

But the dance found defender in M. Saphir, of Budapest, who gave it a half-hearted defence. He would correct its faults, eliminate its knee twisting and make it as decent as a folkdance. But he was voted down. Mlle. Made Sauzy, of the French section, thought it would be good idea to charge a committee with the job of working up a Charleston devoted to all hip stomach movements.

But in the end, the dancing masters decided that if America wants the dance she can have it, but the rest of the world is getting tired of jazz and the negro influence in dancing. There is a hint in that ultimatum that the dancing masters were afraid of the consequences if they attempted through a demonstration day a dozen classes a day.

But as the convention with delegates representing 22 nations in attendance, decided to centre their efforts on getting into popular vogue three dances, the "Boston," "Paso Rouble" and "Spanish Schottische," its case will be opened again.—United Press.

JAZZ MUSIC.

CARRIES GENERATION BACK TO CAVEMEN.

DR. HENRY COWARD AVERS.

London, July 10.

Jazz music is carrying the present generation back to the instincts of cavemen and savages Dr. Henry Coward, prominent English composer and musical authority told the "United Press" in an exclusive interview.

Dr. Coward declared that modern dances such as the exaggerated fox-trot and the Charleston, which followed the introduction of jazz as a "fixed standard" of music, have "turned back pages of progress to the drunken revelry of lesser breeds."

"It is not the noise, lack of rhythm or the ugly cleverness of jazz that I object to," Dr. Coward said, "but it is the exploitation of this class of ambitious gaiety which has been injected upon all people as a "fixed standard" of music for all occasions.

The jerky rhythms; the hooting, out-of-tune saxophones; the grotesque howlings and boisterous banging of toys and kitchen utensils is degrading to all artistic sense and possesses atavistic tendencies in carrying civilisation back to the first stages of music.

"The antics of bodily movement which have been devised to fit these humdgum sounds can only be compared with the oddity of the dances of the plantation slaves of 80 years ago. Jazz music and jazz dancing is the outgrowth of a degraded taste for art in the better class of people, with the result that the lesser classes saw the acceptance of jazz by people who should know better and felt that they should immediately accept this form of orgy to be proper.

"The effect of such wild revelries which have followed in the wake of this so-called music, upon the thought, life, action, dress, morals and speech of the young people of to-day is difficult to conceive, especially upon a stage of civilisation which should be very much above such a plane."—United Press.

REPARATIONS.

SALARIES PAID TO EXPERTS PROTESTED.

Berlin, July 24.

The Pan-German newspaper "Deutsche Zeitung" protests editorially against the high salaries paid members of the foreign commissions engaged in administrating Germany's reparation payments under the Dawes plan.

The paper charged that Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparations, receives $46,500 annually, and the other members of the Transfer Committee are paid in proportion.

Gilbert is but 34 years old, but has been at the head of important financial transactions of the American Government since June, 1920, when he was made Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" left Singapore for this port on July 28 at noon and is due here on Tuesday, August 3, at about 3 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan Ports and Shanghai, on July 22 and is due here on August 9.

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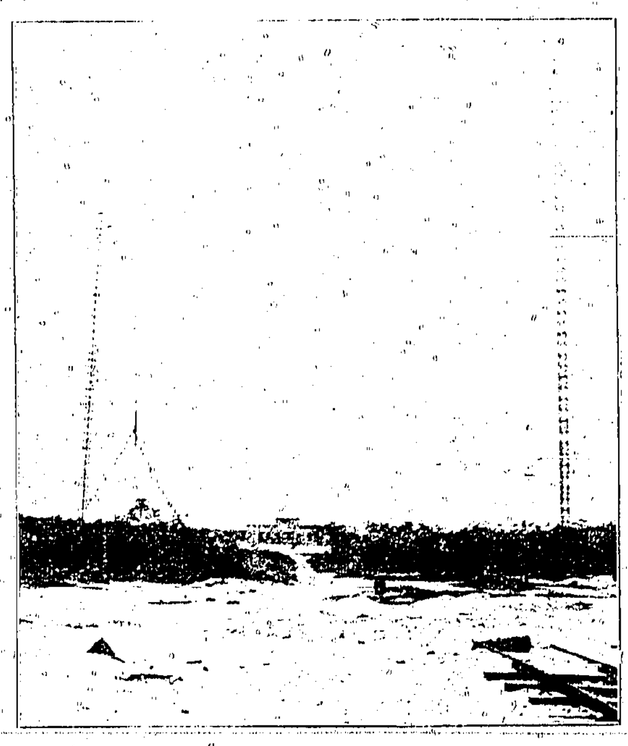

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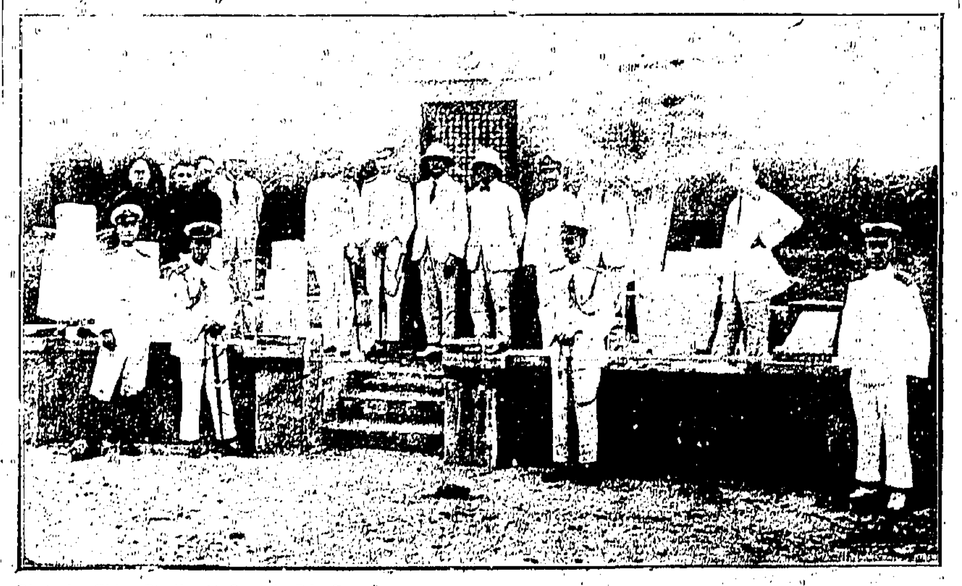

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MALWA	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles and London
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MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
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MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TILAWA	10,006	11th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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4.—J.C.J.L. Tjikini

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Aug.
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FROM SHANGHAI.
July
31.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
31.—C.N. Sinkiang
Aug.
1.—N.Y.K. Tenyo Maru
2.—$ Line Pres. Van Buren
9.—J.C.J.L. Tjisondari
11.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
23.—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson

FROM SINGAPORE.
July
31.—B.F. Helenus
31.—S. E. A. Co. Canton
Aug.
1.—I.C.S.N. Fooksang
3.—P. & O. Nagpore
4.—B.F. Sarpedon
17.—B.F. Telemachus
21.—B.F. Teucer
28.—B.F. Medon

FROM MANILA.
July
30.—$ Line Pres. Wilson
Aug.
11.—B. & S. Changte
16.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
30.—C.P.S. Emp. of Canada
Sept.
10.—B. & S. Taiping
Oct.
8.—B. & S. Changte
Nov.
9.—B. & S. Taiping

FROM BOMBAY.
Aug.
2.—P. & O. Nagpore
28.—N.Y.K. Tottori Maru

FROM CALCUTTA.
Aug.
4.—B.I. Takada
13.—B.I. Santhia
18.—B.I. Tilawa
Sept.
1.—B.I. Talamba

FROM JAPAN.
July
31.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
Aug.
1.—N.Y.K. Tenyo Maru
2.—B.I. Shirala
9.—B.I. Talma
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjikandi
26.—B.I. Takada
24.—E. & A. Tanda
Sept.
4.—B.I. Santhia
9.—B.I. Tilawa
28.—E. & A. St. Albans
Oct.
26.—E. & A. Arafura
Nov.
29.—E. & A. Tanda
Dec.
28.—E. & A. St. Albans

FROM JAVA.
Aug.
2.—I.C.S.N. Hangsang
8.—J.C.J.L. Tjikombang
12.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong

FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
Aug.
2.—E. & A. Tanda
11.—B. & S. Changte
16.—N.Y.K. Mishima Maru
Sept.
6.—E. & A. St. Albans
10.—B. & S. Taiping
21.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru
Oct.
4.—E. & A. Arafura
8.—B. & S. Changte
Nov.
1.—E. & A. Tanda
9.—B. & S. Taiping
Dec.
6.—E. & A. St. Albans
Jan.
3.—S. & A. Arafura

FROM SEATTLE AND VANCOUVER.
Aug.
5.—$ Line Pres. Lincoln
11.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
18.—B.F. Protesilaus
23.—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson
Sept.
2.—B.F. Talthybius
4.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
16.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
25.—B.F. Philoctetes
Oct.
12.—B.F. Tyndareus
Nov.
11.—B.F. Protesilaus
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Dec.
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Aug.
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2.—$ Line Pres. Van Buren
16.—N.Y.K. Korea Maru

FROM LONDON.
Aug.
5.—P. & O. Kalyan
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19.—P. & O. Malwa
24.—G.L. Glenamoy
Sept.
2.—P. & O. Kashgar
2.—G.L. Glengarry
16.—P. & O. Morea
16.—G.L. Glenapp
30.—P. & O. Khyber

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.
July
31.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
Aug.
3.—H.S.L. Muensterland
8.—H.A.L. Vogtland
11.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
28.—J.C.J.L. Oostkerk
28.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru
31.—H.S.L. Oldenburg
Sept.
11.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
20.—J.C.J.L. Ouderkerk

FROM LIVERPOOL.
Aug.
3.—B.F. Ixion
4.—B.F. Sarpedon
Sept.
15.—B.F. Patroclus
Oct.
13.—B.F. Antenor.
Nov.
10.—B.F. Hector
Dec.
13.—B.F. Aenaes

FROM MARSEILLES.
Aug.
17.—M.M. Amazone
31.—M.M. Angers
Sept.
14.—M.M. D'Artagnan

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Aug.
2.—E.A. Danmark
16.—N.L. Konigsberg
Sept.
8.—N.L. Trier
Oct.
6.—N.L. Saarbruecken

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July
28.—E.A. Peru
Aug.
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Sept.
10.—E.A. Asia

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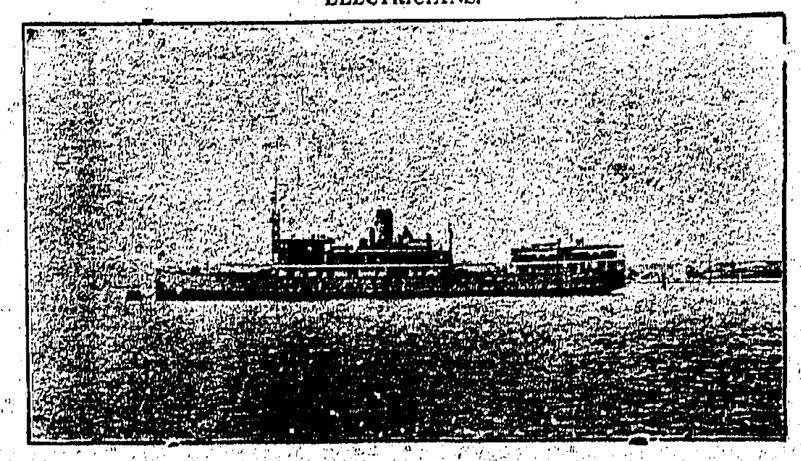

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THOSE RENTS.

On every hand the evidence is accumulating in regard to the increase of rents in the Colony. There are two sides to every case, and it is a coincidence that the respective versions are set out in our correspondence columns to-day.

The first, from a Kowloon resident, puts his plea for a Fair Rents Board very fairly and moderately. His arguments should strengthen the hands of the Kowloon Residents' Association, about 90 per cent. of whose membership is reported to favour the creation by the Government of a Fair Rents Board.

These increases in rents were bound to follow the withdrawal of the protection to tenants afforded by the Rents Ordinance. In many cases, indeed, during the last fifteen months, landlords, in letting houses to new tenants, have carefully pointed out that such rents would hold good only for the duration of the strike and boycott, and that an increase must be expected afterward. In taking away the Rents Ordinance the authorities have taken away every prop of protection that many tenants had. There is now nothing for them to fall back on, and the only choice before them is to pay one, two, or half a dozen increases in rent—or clear out to other premises where they may possibly fare worse.

It cannot be gainsaid that the landlords have been as badly hit as other people by the conditions prevailing during the past fifteen months. In some cases a certain increase in rent could not be grudged. That 15 per cent. permitted by the Government—to which one of our correspondents to-day refers—was at least reasonable, even although the very natural and human tendency on the part of people who do not own their own houses is to resist all and every increase in rent. How much further landlords can go beyond that 15 per cent. without being actually oppressive is not a question for us to discuss. Each case can only be taken on its merits. And that, again, can only be decided fairly and equitably by a Fair Rents Board.

In regard to the views of the owner, also published to-day, he strikes at the root of a different kind of contention altogether. He condemns the "principal tenant," and gives a flagrant case of what is nothing more and nothing less than "squeeze." In all the arguments submitted during the past eighteen months in favour of the retention of the Rents Ordinance on the Statute-book we have always held that many of the evils of high rents must be laid at the door of "principal tenants." On one occasion we went so far as to suggest that there ought to be compiled and kept by the authorities, for public information, a list of "principal tenants" with the rents paid by them to the owners and the rents charged by them to sub-tenants. Even so, although some of these rents are an outrage on justice and equity, have not the owners the remedy in their own hands by imposing deterrent restrictions on their "principal tenants" in originally letting houses? The views of others of our readers will be welcomed on all aspects of the rents question.

DR. SEPHER.

GOING TO BRITAIN FOR STUDIES.

'VARSITY GRADUATE.

Dr. S. A. M. Sepher, the first local Indian student to graduate in medicine at the Hongkong University, leaves by the "Hakone Maru" to-morrow for studies in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Sepher was educated at St. Joseph's College, Hongkong. Entering the University in 1919, he passed his final examination in 1924.

Since then he has served in the Government Civil Hospital as house opstretecian, house physician and house surgeon, consecutively, until last month.

As a popular and capable athlete, Dr. Sepher captained the 'Varsity football eleven for two years and also represented the Tai Hok Tong in other branches of sport.

After his studies abroad, Dr. Sepher returns to Hongkong. Last night, his many friends met at the Kam Ling restaurant to wish him godspeed and a successful career.

STOLEN TINPLATES.

SEVEN LIGHTER MEN CONVICTED.

"SOCONY" PROSECUTION.

Lengthy evidence was taken before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when seven members of the crew of the Standard Oil Company's lighter "Delawar" stood charged with larceny of 16 cases of tin plates.

Mr. F. G. Vaux prosecuted on behalf of the Standard Oil Company, while Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for five of the defendants, the other two being unrepresented.

The case against the men was that they stole the cargo which was part of that discharged into the lighter by the s.s. "Speybank," the theft taking place while the lighter was taking shelter from the typhoon in Tsun Wan Bay.

After hearing evidence, His Worship convicted all the defendants, the first being sentenced to nine months' hard labour, the second and third to six months' hard labour, and the others to three months' hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HIGH RENTS: "EMPTY BARREL."

OWNER REPLIES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It is all very well for tenants to rush into print to air their imaginary grievances about high rents. As an owner I have kept some of the impertinent letters I received from some of my tenants in the control days, when I was seeking high and low to find accommodation for my brother who had then retired from his position in Kwangsi.

The principal tenant of one flat, rental $26 per mensem, wanted me to pay him $500 gratuity before he would surrender possession to me, so that my brother could live in my house. Times have now changed and the fortunes of war will fluctuate again.

One argument by tenants is that we bought at the height of the boom and now fleece innocent householders to repair our errors of judgment. This does not enter into the question at all. I was not forced to buy when prices were high. My tenant is not bound to occupy my property. If he thinks the rent prohibitive, let him move out to suburbs and get a flat at $25 a month.

This leads me on to another truism. Chinese tenants are not ventilating their grouses in print. They have their "face" to preserve. To them, the payment of more rent is better than telling the public that one's landlord has changed $184 into $260. I am sure that residents in the more select parts of the Colony would have found other methods than this futile, and puerile, attempt to show up the landlord class.

Enclosing my card,

Yours, etc.,
DIGNITY.

Hongkong, July 30.

EXORBITANT RENT INCREASES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will kindly publish the following few home truths in your paper for the benefit of the powers that be. The present high cost of living—largely due to exorbitant rents—is making it almost an impossibility for a Britisher to live in this British Colony.

I may state that I have been a resident of the Colony for the past twenty-five years and have always done my utmost to assist the Government by offering my services during any political or industrial disturbance. I have also served my Country as a soldier and as a volunteer for twenty-two years. I therefore consider that I am justly entitled to some consideration from the Government during this time of stress.

I have just received a notice from my landlord stating that my rent will be increased by Sixty Dollars per month as from the 1st August, 1926. When I became the tenant of my present house, eighteen months ago, my monthly rental was $125. Since that time the Government, on behalf of the Landlords, allowed an increase of 15 per cent., which I, of course, had to pay. The landlord knowing that he has a free hand now the Rents Ordinance has been repealed, has increased my rent by $60. Am I to be turned out of my house, which will certainly happen unless the Government gives that assistance in the way of a Fair Rents Board or other methods of stemming such exorbitant demands.

Landlords are increasing rents and at the same time expect tenants to keep property in good repair. Is it fair?

Yours, etc.,
C. BOND.

No. 5, Aimai Villas,
Kowloon.

A DISGUSTING PRACTICE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will kindly afford a little space in your valuable columns to a matter of great importance concerning public health.

I refer to the Kowloon Mortuary which although when built years ago was on an isolated site, is now in the very centre of a residential district and a source of most disagreeable annoyance and even danger to the occupants of adjacent buildings.—To take only one instance: last evening (July 29) at about 9 p.m. a police van drove into Waterloo Road and deposited approximately twenty unnailed coffins by the roadside in front of the mortuary. These contained bodies in a very advanced stage of decay and the smell therefrom was so intolerable that a number of nearby residents assembled at the Yaumati Police Station with a complaint and request for the immediate removal of the bodies. They were surprised however, by the information that these bodies had been deposited under Police orders and were the remains of sampan people who perished in the typhoon of a week ago. Subsequently the coffins were removed from the roadway and taken inside the mortuary, although the stench continued unabated, and the fact remains that under present conditions the Kowloon mortuary constitutes a very grave public danger.

With so much apparent concern for the health of the people it is very astonishing that the Government can have overlooked a condition so greviously inimical to the general welfare.

Surely it is obvious to all that the Waterloo Road and its vicinity is no longer a desirable or suitable situation for a public morgue, and that same should be removed to some less populous districts.

Having sold or leased ground for the erection of dwelling houses is it not up to the Government to see that these buildings are fit for healthy occupation and not subject to incessant bad smells?—Indeed the public has every right to demand that the Government see that a locality they have sanctioned as a residential district is made safe, sanitary and healthy, by the removal of the mortuary from the midst of dwelling houses.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing this,

I am,
Yours faithfully,
DISGUSTED.

Hongkong, July 30.

WEEK'S ORDERS.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

THE BAND CONCERT.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Major R. Melville Smith, M.B.E., Administrative Commandant under to-day's date, read:—

Casuals.

Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, August 8.

Range Officer: Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifle, bayonet, belt and pouches must be taken.

Sand Table Scheme.

A Tactical Scheme will be held under the direction of Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., on the Sand Table at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, August 9 at 6 p.m.

Subject: "Defence in Mobile Warfare."

Rifles.

Many members of the Corps are at present keeping their rifles in their own possession. This practice is contrary to regulations.

Members are reminded that all rifles when not in use must be kept at Corps Headquarters, if the armouries at Taikoo and Kowloon Docks are closed.

Those members of the Corps now in possession of rifles must return them to Corps Headquarters without delay.

Armoured Car Co.

Monday, August 2 being a Bank Holiday, there will be no parade.

Strength.

The following is taken on the strength on July 26, and posted to the Mounted Infantry Company:—

No. 1065 Pte. J. F. Pym.

Transfers.

The following transfers take effect from July 29:—

No. 542 Gnr. W. F. Simmons, from Arty. Co. to M.I. Co.

No. 874 Pte. E. A. Brodie from No. 1 Platoon to M.I. Co.

No. 723 Pte. L. R. Andrewes from M.I. Co. to No. 1 Platoon.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

2nd-Lt. A. K. Mackenzie, Scottish Co., from July 22 to October 21, 1926.

No. 697 Pte. J. Chatterton, A. C. Co., from August 1 to December 31, 1926.

No. 145 C.Q.M.S. E. G. Stewart, Infantry Co., from July 20 to August 19, 1926.

No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Res. Scot. Sec., from July 26 to August 25, 1926.

Promenade Concert.

There will be a Band Night at Volunteer Headquarters parade at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, August 6, by the Band of the East Surrey Regiment.

Tickets: $1 each are obtainable at Anderson Music Co. and Volunteer Headquarters.

H.K. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

July 29.

Mr C. P. Anderson	Mr H. J. Pearce
Mr E. B. Anthony	Mr H. Pearman
Mr W. A. Dowley	Mr H. H. Priestley
Mr A. Hicks	Mr J. Rossholm
Mr H. A. Keller	Mr A. Sandman
Mr W. H. T. King	Mr J. R. ss Smith
Mr Paul Lauder	Miss M. Spalinger
Miss H. Lillie	Mr M. J. Thomas
Prof. M. Laogsner	Mr A. Todd
Mr P. J. W. Maas	Mr & Mrs A. Vannini
Mr F. G. Pacchnatz	Mr G. Wraggo

NARROW ESCAPE.

HEAVY FALL NEAR TAIKOO DOCK.

WORKMEN SCATTER.

A fall of about 2,000 tons of debris yesterday outside the entrance to Taikoo Dockyard, near Sai Wan Terrace, was fortunately not attended by loss of life, workmen who were leaving at the time having a narrow escape.

The landslide occurred about mid-day as a large number of the employees were leaving the Dockyard and there would probably have been some casualties if the slide which brought down the bulk of the debris had not been preceded by a smaller one which warned the men and enabled them to scatter in time.

The tram service of Shaukiwan had to be suspended on account of obstruction and damage to wires and motor traffic was also held up until late in the afternoon.

LOCAL WILLS.

FORMER SHANGHAI RESIDENT'S PROPERTY.

"CURIOUS CHINESE WILL."

Estate in Hongkong amounting to $16,507 was left by the late Mr. William Stewart Davidson, formerly a well-known resident of Shanghai. Probate of the will in respect of his estate in Hongkong has been granted in the Supreme Court.

Probate has also been granted of the will of the late Mr. Yeung Shut-leung which is somewhat curiously phrased. It opens with the following words:—"A man's life does not exceed a period of several tens of winter and summer and his birth and death will come to pass one day. I am at present continuously ill although still in good health."

The estate has been valued at over $17,000.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. "President Wilson" from Manila on July 30:—

Mr. G. Barker, Mr. R. Dickne, Mr. F. Floro, Mr. Chia Li-huang, Mr. C. Hewes, Mr. D. Huang, Mr. A. Henry, Father C. Jurgens, Mr. S. Lukban, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lamond, Miss R. Lamond, Mr. D. Rebok, Dr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. Pelagio Yu Singco, Mr. and Mrs. J. Osial, Mr. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coppage, Comdr. and Mrs. E. Norton, Sister Mary, Sister Stefana, Mrs. S. M. Seiffert, Miss F. Wagner, Mr. See Tak-choa, Mr. M. Kojima, Miss H. Swinehart, Miss N. Cleaver, Mrs. M. Nickelsen, Master C. Nickelsen, Miss M. Nickelsen, Miss A. Nickelsen, Miss D. Nickelsen, Mr. O. Credo, Mr. F. de Coster, Mr. R. de Coster, Mrs. P. Ericksen, Miss E. Ericksen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Elizalde, Master J. Elizalde, Miss D. Forster, Mr. G. Frank, Mrs. F. Gastonguay, Mr. F. Herrier, Mr. H. Honerlah, Mrs. M. Lawrence, Mrs. G. C. de Poizat and Miss E. Wolfe.

Better Value.

A rich lady, accompanied by her maid, had just selected a picture for her drawing-room, representing a group of four peaches and a cut melon.

"How much?" she inquired of the dealer.

"Ten pounds."

"Oh, madame," whispered the maid; "don't buy it. I saw a much finer one at another shop for £8."

"Yes, but how do you know it was better?"

"Why, there was at least 12 peaches, and the melon wasn't cut!"

Local Chinese theatre-goers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Sit Kok-seen, the famous matinee idol, is back in Hongkong, after a stay of over a year in Shanghai. Mr. Sit has deserted the old-style Cantonese stage, on which he rose from an amateur to a "big star"—in the melodramatic heroic roles—in a year or two. In Shanghai, he felt the magnetism of the cinema world. He is at present the managing director of the Ideal Motion Film Co. and is down in Hongkong for a few days on business. His many friends are trying to induce him to return to his first love and give a few performances here. Mr. Sit (his foreign name is S. C. Harrey) was educated at one of the grant-in-aid schools in Hongkong.

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MACEDONIA	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	4th Sept.	M'lles, C'blanca, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NAGPORE	5,283	10th Sept.	M'lles, L'don, H'burg, R'dam & A'werp
MALWA	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOREA	10,918	16th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp

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TAKADA	6,949	27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHIA	7,754	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,006	11th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Oct.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
ARAFURA	6,000	29th Oct.	Melbourne.

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NAGPORE	5,283	4th Aug. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHIA	7,754	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	20th Aug.	Yokohama only
NELLORE	6,853	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	3rd Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MANTUA	10,902	16th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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RADIO CONCERT.

GOOD RECEPTION LAST NIGHT.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

Sufficient time has hardly elapsed for more than a few reports to have been received as to the quality and reception of the concert broadcasted last night under the aegis of the local Radio Society but such reports as have been received are most favourable. The excellent reception reported will doubtless encourage the Society to further efforts. Already plans are in hand for giving a Chinese programme of entertainment, perhaps on Wednesday evening.

In his broadcasted talk on radio, Mr. Swinburne emphasised that the Radio Society desired to see broadcasting set on its feet with an assured future. To accomplish this it was necessary that the Society should get support. It was at present hampered by a limited membership, and few facilities for carrying on even occasional broadcasting.

With regard to the peculiar difficulties experienced locally in the way of interference, he did not think that they were insuperable and with regard to the limited field of local talent for broadcasting, the possibilities of relaying from elsewhere should not be lost sight of. In the meantime a start had been made. It was not necessary to wait for super-radio development before giving a broadcast entertainment which was the best possible at the moment. If the public would look to the future and help the Society to build up from small beginnings he felt confident of the eventual success of the schemes which the Society had in mind.

H.K. AMUSEMENTS.

CHANGE IN SHARE ISSUE PROPOSED.

The Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., will hold their annual meeting at the Queen's Theatre on August 10 at 12 noon.

Following this on the same day there will be an extraordinary meeting to consider an extraordinary resolution that the 8,000 deferred shares of $5 each and the 16,000 preferred ordinary shares of $10 each be reorganised and consolidated into one class of 20,000 shares of $10 each to be called ordinary shares.

GIRL ROBBED ON ROAD.

Before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, five Chinese were charged with highway robbery; the first and second defendants being accused of being the ring-leaders.

Det. Inspector Pincott, prosecuting, stated that on July 17, three Chinese girls were returning to their home at Hunghom. One of them, the complainant, was seized by one of the accused, who is alleged to have taken away a pair of bangles from her wrist, and a pair of earrings.

Only one of the defendants was identified by the complainant, but the others are said to have admitted that they were at the scene.

The case was adjourned.

DEATH INQUIRY.

ACCIDENT TO ELECTRIC CO.'S WORKMAN.

THE JURY'S RIDER.

Evidence was given yesterday by a representative of the Hongkong Electric Company that it had hitherto not been considered dangerous for workmen to engage on repairs to 200 volt circuits if they observed the usual precautions.

The occasion was an inquiry into the death of one of the Electric Company's employees who whilst engaged on repairs to wires containing a 200 voltage slipped from the ladder and, it is thought, touched a hook holding a pipe to the wall. This was earthed and the man therefore received the current into his body, dying shortly afterwards.

Mr. Stuart Longfield, in charge of the meter department of the Electric Company, gave evidence, stating that it was not necessary even to wear rubber gloves in handling voltage up to 200 providing the workman's feet were on a dry bamboo ladder which provided perfect insulation. Only one wire should be touched at a time and the feet should rest on dry wood not on a damp floor.

Mr. Longfield said that it was the Company's endeavour to keep consumers continuously supplied with electricity. If the fuses were withdrawn in cases of this kind it would mean that twenty houses on an average would be deprived of current for the time being.

Mr. Longfield also said that during his fourteen years' service with the Company he had never known of a similar accident. Fourteen were engaged on similar work to that which was being done at the time of the accident.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and added a rider to the effect that during all such wiring work the fuses should be withdrawn.

Mr. Lindsell (to Mr. Longfield) I trust your company will give due notice to the rider. I shall report to the Government."

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.
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9th Sunday after Trinity.
Holy Communion (8 a.m.)
Children's Service (10 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Anthem: "Grant to us Lord" (Barnby).
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A PROTEST?

SEQUEL TO SHAMCHUN INCIDENT.

THE POLICE MOTOR-BOAT.

Last week's incident on the Shamchun River—when Hongkong Police and a motor-boat were seized by Canton pickets and subsequently released—has come before the Kuomintang Political Council.

According to the "Canton Gazette," a resolution was passed, thus:—

"The Hongkong Government without reason, sent an armed motor-boat to Sumchun last week to disturb the inhabitants there.

"It is resolved that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs be instructed to lodge a protest against the British Government's move in sending an armed launch into Chinese Territory without adequate reasons."

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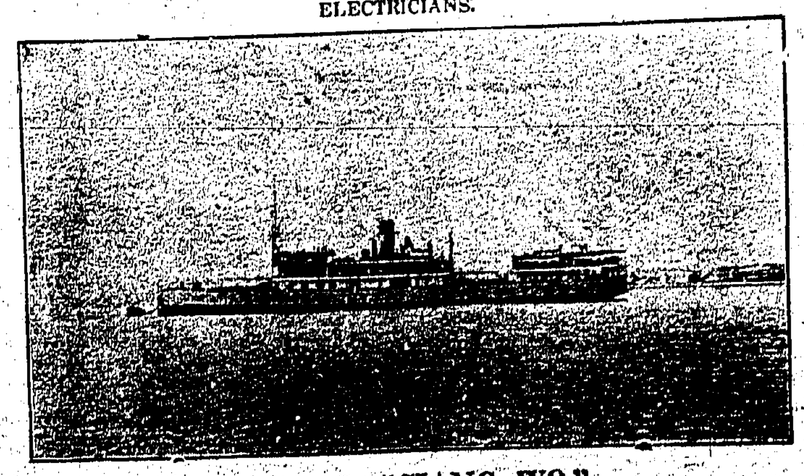

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SUWA MARU ..... Saturday, 14th August.

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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

After the series of brief communiques issued in connection with the meetings of the Canton and Hongkong delegates to the boycott Conference, the statement issued on the return of our delegates was most welcome in that for the first time concrete proposals brought forward on either side were set out, also the respective replies. Whilst indicating in general terms in these replies their attitude towards the points at issue, the delegates felt themselves unable at that stage to give an irrevocable decision except in so far as the British delegates and any possible "compensation" for strikers was concerned. This, they announced, could not be contemplated for a moment. The delegates will later meet to communicate the respective attitudes of their Governments with regard to—in the case of the Hongkong delegates, the proposed Commission of Inquiry into the anti-British boycott issue (which the Chinese delegates propose shall be empowered to determine responsibility for the Shameen-Shakee affair of June 23, 1925); in the case of the Chinese delegates, to the British Loan proposals.

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Next to the boycott issue, the vagaries of the weather have occupied pride of place in the public mind. The feeling of satisfaction engendered by the smart work of the P.W.D., which has enabled all roads but that to Castle Peak to be opened up, has given place to one of doubt as to whether, after all, it will be possible to take full advantage of the long week-end afforded by Monday's holiday, in view of adverse meteorological reports. If they eventuate, the inveterate grouser would not be alone in his claim that to add within a week to a record storm, deluge and tail-end of a typhoon would be rather too much of a good thing.

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The coal crisis has continued throughout the week without the miners' representatives deviating in the slightest from the "not a penny off the wage or a minute off the day" attitude but legislation has been introduced which is to leave to the several mining districts the decision as to whether or not work will be resumed on an 8 hour day basis. Many miners have resumed work on this basis in the face of directions to the contrary by the Executive of the Miners' Federation. A proposal was put forward by representatives of the Churches which involved a continuation of the subsidy for a period in the form of a loan. The Government has indicated that it is not favourable to this as a loan would "mortgage the future of the industry which was at present uneconomic over large areas." To-day's cables, however, indicate that the Miners' Federation intend submitting the churches' proposals to the several districts.

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As a change from the restricted sphere of Hongkong entertainments, the demonstration in hypnotism and telepathy by Professor Langsner served a useful purpose. The Professor thinks the audience treated a serious subject with too much levity but it would be more correct to say that the smallest incidents were seized on for laughter as a release from the pitch to which the audience had been keyed up as a result of the eerie powers the Professor undoubtedly exercised. No slight was intended on the demonstrator whom it was realised had put successfully to the practical test claims as to which many were sceptical.

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Although the week's local election involved a temporary vacancy only on the Legislative Council and the electorate was confined to unofficial Justices of the Peace of the Colony, considerable interest was taken in the issue by the general public. The questions which a J.P. representative is entitled to raise are not, of course, entirely confined to matters concerning only those by whom he is elected and in Dr. Koch the public has a member who has already proved on the Sanitary Board his assiduity in the public welfare. His experience in an important Government position will be of considerable help to him in raising matters pertaining to the public health measures. He has already espoused the cause of reform in this connection and outlined a constructive scheme for the institution of a Public Health Board.

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The impending visit of the retiring Governor of Macao, Senhor Maia Magalhaes, has aroused considerable interest in local Portuguese circles and arrangements have been made to receive and entertain him on a scale fitting to the important position he has held and the work he has accomplished. The announcement of the appointment as his successor of an official with considerable colonial service is taken as indicating a realisation on the part of the Portuguese Government of the importance of this small but progressive Colony.

PEAK TRAMS RESUME.

As from to-morrow, the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., hope to have their full service in operation again, between the two termini.

Repairs have been pushed ahead so that a return to normal conditions—as before the damage by the deluge—will be possible, and the non-stop cars will resume once more.

SHA U CHUNG.

PASSENGER AND CARGO REGULATIONS.

PERMITS REQUIRED.

The following regulations were made by the Governor in Council under section 42 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, on July 29:

1. No vessel shall embark or disembark, or transfer to or take transfer from any other vessel, any passenger or any cargo in the waters of the Colony at Sha U Chung, unless the person in charge of the vessel then holds a valid permit in writing in that behalf signed by the District Officer, North, and unless the embarkation or disembarkation or transference is in strict accordance with such permit.

2. The District Officer, North, may, in his discretion, grant permits of the nature referred to in regulation 1 of these regulations: In any such permit the hours or times may be prescribed and limited, as the District Officer, North, may seem fit, during or at which such embarkation or disembarkation or transference may be made to and from the vessel named therein.

3. The District Officer, North, may, in his discretion, withdraw or vary any permit issued by him.

4. No fee shall be payable for a permit granted under these regulations.

5. No person shall in any manner obstruct or interfere with the embarkation or disembarkation or transference of any passenger or any cargo permitted under these regulations.

6. No vessel carrying or intended to carry any passenger or any cargo, shall lie or be in the waters of the Colony within one hundred yards of any part of the foreshore of or at Sha U Chung unless such vessel is engaged in the embarkation or disembarkation or transference of passengers or cargo in accordance with a permit as aforesaid.

7. Any infraction of these regulations shall render the offender liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or to imprisonment not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour.

HONGKONG'S SHARE REPORT.

Moxon and Taylor in their Weekly Share Report for week ending July 30, state:—

We have had a quiet market during the past week with but little change in prices.

Shanghai Market is also rather quiet.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks:—A few sales took place at $1,130.

Unions:—Met with some demand and sales took place at $291.

Canton Insurances: — Remain quiet at quotations.

Hongkong Fires:—Have risen to a buying rate of $620.

Hotels:—Continue steady and a few shares changed hands at $11.

Electrics:—Are rather easier with a few sellers at $67 but no business reported.

Trams:—Are wanted at $24½ but sellers are holding off for higher prices.

China Sugars:—Are wanted at quotations.

China Lights:—Buyers are offering $19 for the Combined shares without attracting sellers.

China Providents:—Experienced a slight decline and now have sellers at $5½.

Steamboats:—Are still wanted at $26¼.

Hongkong Lands:—After a few sales at $65½ remain nominal at the price.

Humphreys:—Eased off in the latter part of the week and came to business at $13½ at which price there are still buyers.

Cements:—Came in for no attention on the part of buyers.

Wharves:—Maintain their steady position with few if any sellers.

Hongkong Docks:—Had a slight decline sales having been effected at $54 to $53½.

Star Ferries:—Are in less demand and might now be obtained at $67¼.

Dairy Farms:—Are wanted at $16¾.

London Quotations of the July 28:—Banks £129; Indos Deferred £5; Shells £4 6s. 3d. All middle prices.

Exchange:—Demand rate on London is 2/2.7-16; and T/T on Shanghai is Tls. 76¼.

Dividend: — Hongkong Tramways, Ltd.—Interim dividend of 5 cents. Payable on August 26. Books close from August 13 to August 26, 1926.

People just can't understand why people just can't understand.

They are discovering ways of doing everything fast except sleep.

LIFE INSURANCE.

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

The report of the Registrar of Companies, under section 18 of the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907, Ordinance No. 11 of 1907, upon the valuation and report of Mr. Herbert R. Stuart, F.I.A., for the five years ending March 20, 1925, is published in the "Government Gazette":—

The valuation balance sheet, which is based on the company's balance sheet made up to March 20, 1925, shows liabilities $1,751,900.50 and assets $2,426,692.85, a surplus in assets of $674,792.35. This surplus has been dealt with in accordance with the company's regulations and the provisions of its policies in the following manner:—

(a)	Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on Paid-up Capital of $234,000	$117,000.00
(b)	Among Founders	102,928.89
(c)	Among Shareholders	41,171.56
(d)	To Reserve Fund	102,928.89
(e)	Among 281 policies for total Sums Assured of $489,500 numbered from 1 to 712 which have become claims	40,305.43
(c)	Among 434 policies for total Sums Assured of $770,000 numbered from 713 to 2,064, and from C 1 to C 10 which have become claims	21,700.00
(g)	Carried forward to provide for Bonuses on policies maturing and becoming claims subsequent to March 20, 1925	238,756.63
		$674,792.35

FATHER'S AIR CHASE.

HOW AN ELOPING COUPLE WERE CAUGHT.

A motor-car dashed up to the offices of Imperial Airways at the London air station recently and a determined-looking man stepped out. He hurried into the booking office, where he demanded a special aeroplane to take him immediately to an East Coast resort.

All the available large air liners were engaged in the Continental services, and a small three-seater machine was hurriedly obtained. It was in the air in less than fifteen minutes.

The passenger, after landing at his destination, hurried to the railway station and anxiously paced the platform awaiting the arrival of a train from London.

When the train arrived a girl and a man among the passengers were singled out by the aerial passenger, and after a heated argument the girl, who proved to be his daughter, was persuaded to leave her companion and return with her father by air to London.

CIVIL SERVICE.

AMENDMENT OF PENSION MINUTE.

The following amendment of the Pension Minute which appears in the General Orders of the Hongkong Government is published for information:—

The Pension Minute is amended by the deletion of clause No. 13 and the substitution therefor of the following:—

1. In the case of abolition of the office of an officer who is borne on the Fixed Establishment of the Colony the pension or gratuity grantable to such officer will be as follows:—

(a) If the officer has completed 120 months' gross service he may be granted a pension of one-seven-hundred-and-twentieth of his salary for each month of his service counting for pension in accordance with Clause No. 11; with an addition to such service of one month for each complete period of two months' service so counting for pension; in no case shall the addition exceed one hundred and twenty months, and in no case shall the number of months to be added to the actual service exceed that which, if added to the age of the officer, would bring that age up to sixty years. This paragraph (a) deals completely with the ascertainment of the amount of pension grantable in the case aforesaid, accordingly no increase or addition — for example the five-sixtieths of salary mentioned in clause No. 1 paragraph 1 subparagraph (2) — shall be made.

(b) If the officer has not completed 120 months' gross service he may be granted a gratuity of one-twelfth of a month's salary for each month of service counting for pension in accordance with clause No. 11, plus an addition of fifty per cent. thereon.

2. An officer who is granted a pension or gratuity under this clause shall be liable to be recalled to the public service for re-employment."

WATER RATIONS OVER.

The Water Authority announces that as from Monday, there will be no more rationing—for the present at least—in the rider main districts.

The Public Works Department has hastened the work of repairs, necessitated by the deluge, so that the copious fall of rain will begin to benefit the community. A constant supply will be turned on as from Monday but there is still much work to be done behind the scenes.

A political machine is seldom a labour-saving device.

We always have summer just as soon as the weather is warm enough.

OMINOUS PORTENTS OF TYPHOON SIGNAL.

Hongkong residents are wondering if the August bank holiday will be spoiled by the typhoon. Here is one form of signal that is unwelcome at any time!

TO GO.

SEE WHITE RACES SUNK BY ORIENT.

NOT WORTH SAVING.

San Francisco, July 22.

Two nationally-known scientists have within the last few days declared the civilisation and culture of the white races to be submerging before the advance of the waves, of materialistic prosperity. One believes that another race, the yellow or the brown perhaps, will come up as the white race goes down. The other held out no hope of early betterment.

"Our American cities are in danger of becoming ant hills of a single low grade physical, mental and moral standard," said Dr. Frank E. Summer of the Scripps Institute of Biological Research.

"I seriously question whether such a civilisation is worth saving," said Dr. Paul M. Schilpp of the College of the Pacific, speaking of Western civilisation generally.

The College of the Pacific is in Stockton, California, in the centre of the largest colonies of Oriental workers in the United States. East Indians, Japanese, Chinese and Filipinos toil side by side in this district to better the lot of themselves and their families in the land of plenty and of electric cookers, washers, sewers, electric hewers of wood and drawers of water.

Dr. Schilpp doubts whether it is worth while. He didn't specify just what race would succeed the white race as world leaders but his hearers believed he referred to the Orientals generally.

Dr. Schilpp was addressing a club in Lodi, Calif., a town near Stockton.

In older days men underwent terrible physical hardships to gain spiritual peace. They worked with their hands and wrought well and were happy.

"We now have a nervous humanity crowding to the city with its set rules of daily contact, each individual depending for comfort upon every person following the rules of existence."—United Press.

WARSHIP PLANS.

DISAPPEAR MYSTERIOUSLY.

London, July 25.

Scotland Yard is making investigations into the disappearance of the plans of the British cruiser "Suffolk," now under construction at the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

Details of the armament of the vessel have been kept most secret, but it is understood that a new process steel of unusual toughness is used in the construction. The plans of the submarine KU-2 were also recently stolen. Several months ago a member of the Irish Republican party was found with naval office plans in his possession. He was convicted and sent to prison on charges of unlawful possession of naval secrets.

Scotland Yard says that there has been no evidence so far unearthed which connects the recent disappearance of plans with the former thefts by Irish Republicans.—United Press.

NEW NEWSPAPER.

THE MALAYAN DAILY EXPRESS.

We ("Malacca Observer") have been favoured with the loan of a copy of prospectus, dated July 12, of the Malayan "Daily Express" (1926) Limited, a company about to be formed in Kuala Lumpur, for the purpose of starting a new daily (morning) newspaper in Kuala Lumpur. The share capital of the proposed company is $200,000 divided into 20,000 shares of $10 each. The promoters, in their introductory remarks, are very optimistic as to the results of their venture. We venture to suggest that their optimism would have been more justified had they decided to make the shares dollar ones. Ten dollar shares are not very popular amongst the small capitalist and investor, and it is to this class of people that the promoters will have to look for their capital. Fifteen thousand of the shares are now offered to the public, on "easy payment" system, but we certainly think the venture would have stood a better chance of success if the price of a share had been a humble dollar. We, however, wish the promoters every success, and shall look forward with interest to the first publication, which we understand is to be on January 2, 1927, if all goes well.

W. G. WALLACE.

CHARGED WITH ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

ARRESTED IN TSINGTAO.

Tsingtao, July 15.

Walter George Wallace, (so he passed while at Tientsin) alias E. L. Parker (upon his arrival at Tsingtao), is a man of about thirty years of age at present under arrest in the local Police Station at the request of several persons from whom he has allegedly raised money under false pretences. Giving himself out as an American citizen from Minnesota, and, according to his own account, representing the Western State Petroleum Company, Mr. Parker upon his arrival at Tsingtao, it is alleged, proceeded to engage a former employee of Socony named Chow and through him obtained a number of introductions, during his short stay (says the "Tsingtao Times") Mr. Parker "raised" well over $1,000 by the simple method of sending a receipt together with a letter of request for a specific amount addressed to one of other of his victims. The victims, considering doubtless the large interests with which Parker posed as being connected, were all the more ready to accommodate him, and an initial success always resulted in further similar applications for $100, or $200, until they became tired and suspicious of the man's bona fides. Goods were also obtained from a local jeweller, a watch afterwards being pawned, and meantime the adventurer occupied apartments along with Russian mistresses.

A stern demand for settlement two days ago led early yesterday morning to his arrest and the Chinese authorities on application to the American Consulate learned that Parker is not registered as an American citizen. There is little doubt that had the arrest not been effected when it was, Parker would have slipped off yesterday.

THE PHILIPPINES.

"GENERAL WOOD SHOULD NOT CONTINUE."

Washington, D.C., July 25.

The "Daily News," reviewing recent developments in the Philippines, and commenting editorially on the rumours of Governor-General Wood's resignation and passage of the independence plebiscite bills says: "There is a question whether Governor Wood should try to carry on when his views on the question of independence are being rejected by the representatives of the people with whom he must co-operate, in order that the administration be a success.

"That Governor Wood decidedly cannot continue effectively under these conditions," continues the editorial, "is the principal basis for the rumours that he is going to hand in his resignation."—United Press.

WRANGLER AT 21.

LONDON GIRL'S WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

A London girl, only 21 years of age, Miss Katherine Winifred McIntosh, has achieved the distinction of securing a place among the wranglers in the lists, of the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos. Miss McIntosh won her way from a London County Council elementary school to Girton College. From Brockley Road London County Council school she proceeded in 1916 to Blackheath High School with a junior county scholarship. At Blackheath she became a Trust scholar, and in 1921 the London County Council awarded her an intermediate county scholarship as the result of a brilliant matriculation, in which she obtained honours with distinctions in five subjects.

In July, 1923, while still only 18 years old, Miss McIntosh won an open mathematical scholarship at Girton, and was also awarded a senior county scholarship by the *London County Council*. In Part 1 of the Mathematical Tripos, which she took at the end of her first year, she obtained a first-class certificate, and she has now followed this up by obtaining the coveted distinction of being classed as wrangler. This is her last term at Cambridge, and in September she is taking up a post as a mathematical mistress at St. Paul's Girls' School, Hammersmith.

Fulfilled.

Mrs. Gnags: Before we were married you used to say that you could listen to my sweet voice all night.

Mr. Gnags: Well, at that time I had no idea I'd ever have to do it.

WAGES FAIR, UNFAIR

UNEQUAL DRAFTS ON THE WAGE FUND.

WHY MEN EMIGRATE.

[By Sir Leo Chiozza Money.]

Wage disparities have always existed, but never before, I think, have they been so exceedingly unfair as they have now become.

From time to time, disputes in this trade or that direct public attention, if imperfectly, to the wages drawn in various industries, but it is still true that one-half the world does not know how the other half lives. Amongst the wage-earners themselves there is little knowledge of wage-rates generally. Each trade works for its own hand, oblivious of its influence upon other trades.

The Ministry of Labour have published a good deal of valuable information on relative wage-rates, and the general result of careful and impartial official inquiry is to show that while the wage-earners, as a whole, now enjoy wages which are higher than before the war after making all allowance for the rise in the cost of living, this general result conceals a large number of curious inequalities. Some workers have made substantial increase upon their pre-war earnings, while others have suffered serious diminution in real as distinguished from money wages.

Builders and Engineers.

We may first illustrate how unequally skilled workmen have fared by comparing building with engineering. Here are industries of equal importance, and yet industries which offer the important consideration that, if British engineering perished or diminished, the building trade would suffer seriously sooner or later.

In August, 1914, taking the average of large towns, bricklayers earned 9¾d. an hour. They now earn 1s. 7¾d. an hour, an increase of 104 per cent. The cost of living, however, has risen only 67 per cent., so that the bricklayer is very much better off than before the war.

If we turn to engineering, we find that fitters and turners, whose average weekly time rate was in August, 1914, 38s. 11d. for a 54-hour week, now draw 56s. 6d. for a 47-hour week, an increase of only 45 per cent. Thus, the skilled engineer draws in real wages less than in 1914.

Nor does this statement fully express the disparity as between these two trades, for builders are in full work, while engineers are largely unemployed. Again, the building rates are merely nominal, for building operatives are short of demand, and they therefore obtain in many places more than the trade union rate. For example, the trade union rate for a London bricklayer is 1s. 9½d. an hour, but few bricklayers will take less than 2s. Painters, whose nominal rate is 1s. 8½d., often get 1s. 9½, and plasterers, whose nominal rate is 1s. 9½d., demand and get 2s. and more.

A London bricklayer, working a forty-four hour week at 2s., draws £4 4s., whereas such skilled engineers as are lucky enough to find work have to be content with 56s. 6d. for forty-seven hours.

And while we speak of building and engineering, let us compare the earnings respectively of labourers in these trades. Builders' labourers, who got only 6½d. an hour in August, 1914, now draw 1s. 3d., an increase of 129 per cent., whereas the wages of engineers' labourers have in the same time risen from 22s. 10d. to 40s. 2d. a week, an increase of 76 per cent.

Shipwrights and Dustmen.

And these trades also give us opportunity to compare the respective movements of wages for skilled and unskilled labour. As we have seen, the skilled engineer now draws only 56s. 6d. a week, whereas a London builders' labourer, whose nominal trade union rate is 1s. 4½d. an hour, demands and gets 1s. 5d. or even 1s. 5½d. At 1s. 5d., this means 62s. a week, or 5s. 6d. a week more than is drawn by a skilled engineer.

Let us pass to a comparison of what is one of our finest and most characteristic industries with what is a mere matter of fetching and carrying. I refer to shipbuilding and refuse-collecting.

The shipwright, as between August, 1914, and September, 1925, obtained an increase in his weekly time-rate (taking the average of the chief centres) of from 41s. 4d. a week to 55s. 7d. a week (35 per cent.) in money wages, which, of course, expresses a serious decrease in real or commodity wages.

Many municipal dustmen are drawing as much as, or more than, our skilled shipwrights. As against the shipwright's 55s. 7d., a dustman at Glasgow earns 61s. a week, at Shoreditch 70s. a week, and at Bethnal Green 75s. a week.

Another interesting comparison is that of railway workers with agricultural labourers. As to the railway service, the "Labour Gazette" shows that the rates of wages since August, 1914, show increases ranging from 28s. to 36s. a week.

The Miner's Wage.

We may now set out the conclusions of the Coal Commission with regard to the earnings of coal miners. As to hewers, the Report runs: "Broadly, hewers' average earnings for a full week at the present minimum percentage range from £3 10s. to £4 10s.; for the whole country, since six shifts are commoner than 5½ as a full week, something over 76s. would be a fair figure."

As to the "lowest adult mining wage"—the subsistence wage of underground and surface workers—it is reported that the lowest figure is represented by the Lancashire man on subsistence at 7s. 6½d. a shift. This, with a six-day week, means 45s. In Yorkshire, the corresponding man gets 52s. 6d. The Lancashire figure of 45s., it is said, may be taken as fairly representing the lowest adult wage for a full week's work over any large district. Little wonder that the Samuel Report says, "The position of the worst-paid men should be safeguarded, as at present, by subsistence allowances." Let those think otherwise who would care to "subsist," with a family, on 45s. a week.

As to the general position of the coal-miner in respect of relative progress since before the war, the Report shows that he has fared worse than men in home trades, and better than men in export trades.

As to actual mine wages, the unskilled miners, as we can see by the figures given above, are not so well off as builders or municipal labourers, but better off than engineers' and shipbuilders' labourers. Coal-hewers are much better off than skilled engineers or shipbuilders, and generally about as well off as skilled printers, railwaymen, and builders.

A word should be added as to the textile industries. Largely suppliers of export markets, these have suffered severely, and short time, which means, of course, seriously reduced earnings, has been worked in some sections. I do not think the nation as a whole realises how much it is indebted to our export industries for the manful way in which they have met unprecedented difficulties.

No one can regret that, as the result of wage movements during and since the war, the earnings of unskilled labourers have risen more than those of skilled men. It is, however, matter for serious consideration that loss and suffering has been forced upon some of our noblest trades because they largely serve the export market.

The facts given afford much food for anxious thought. For my part, I see in them a strong argument for the proper co-ordination of industrial endeavour. Why should not an Industrial Parliament be set up, equally representative of employers and employed, to survey industry as a whole, and to prevent the breaking out of sectional disputes by helping each trade to see itself as part of a great interdependent organisation?

Coming On.

The omnibus was late, and the driver was doing his utmost to make up for lost time. He frowned as he observed a short distance ahead on the country road two very small children with arms outstretched beckoning him to pull up. The 'bus stopped and the two tiny tots clambered aboard. After they were seated, the conductor approached them and asked for the fares.

"Oh, we don't pay," they chorused; "we're not three yet."

HEAVY FLOODS.

HOUSES AND CATTLE ARE SUBMERGED.

LOSS IS CONSIDERABLE.

Kaifeng, July 21.

The City of Loyang has entirely been flooded, with the consequence that coolies are compelled to dig temporary trenches for letting out the accumulated water in the streets.

The flooded condition as such is said to be unprecedented in Loyang. The loss sustained by farmers and inhabitants is considerable as both houses and cattles are submerged.

A critical situation has been created as General Fan Chun-hsin's troops are planning to attack Lusze with a fresh army recently formed up. This will probably endanger the position of General Liu Tsun-hua who is at present engaged in war against Shensi.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 31—Queen's Theatre; In Hollywood With Potash and Perlmutter.

July 31—Star Theatre; Harold Lloyd in "Hot Water."

July 31—World Theatre; Rin Tin Tin in "Tracked in the Snow Country."

July 31—Hawaiian entertainers will perform at Lee Garden, 8 and 9.30 p.m.

August 6—Band night at Volunteer Headquarters, 9 p.m.

Sport.

August 2—One-Club competition at the Kowloon Golf Club, starting 10 a.m.

Auctions.

August 3—Public Auction of valuable leasehold properties (155 and 157 Queen's Road West), by Mr. A. G. da Rocha, auctioneer, at his sales room, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

August 4—Meeting of creditors of the Oriental Commercial Bank, Ltd., at 25, Des Voeux Road, Central, 3 p.m.

August 9—General meeting of Luen Mow S.S. Co., Ltd., 65, Connaught Road, Central, 2 p.m.

10—Fifth ordinary meeting of Hongkong Amusements Ltd., at Queen's Theatre, noon.

The Only Course.

"Is he really your rival?"

"Yes."

"Great Scott! If I had a rival who looked like that, do you know what I would do?"

"No."

"I'd give up the girl!"

Revenge.

A man at an hotel in a loud tone of voice called his friend back just as he was leaving the dining-room, and then whispered to him: "How far would you have gone if I hadn't called you back!"

The other, straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear: "No, sir, I won't lend you £5; I haven't got it on me, and if I had, I wouldn't let you have it until you have paid me what you borrowed two months ago."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

* * Monday (August 2) being a bank holiday, the "China Mail" will be published at midday.

The catch of the sealing fleet this year is the greatest since 1916, totalling 203,948 seals, as compared with a total of 125,240 seals, last year, and the approximate value of the fat to date is G$400,000. The sealskins, which are sent abroad for manufacture, are also a lucrative product of the industry.

Hankow, July 22.—Despite the guarantee announced by General Tang Sheng-chih, foreign residents in Hunan Province are experiencing many dangers and inconveniences owing to disorderly conduct on the part of his troops. They recently fired upon some Japanese and British steamers in the Yangtsze River.

London, July 25.—The "Sunday Express" understands that negotiations for the resale of the White Star line are likely to be resumed. It notes the simultaneous presence in London of J. P. Morgan and of Frederick Toppin, vice-president of the International Mercantile Marine, as indications that the sale is being discussed.

Bordeaux, July 14. — The "Journal" announces that Captain David, of the French Army who was accused of swindling after the great war, fled to Germany and staying in Dusseldorff has delivered to the German authorities some military documents. The Reich refuses his extradition.

The Hankow merchants who made the proposal for the coinage of silver dollars for this centre and were objected to are still busy canvassing the banks to remove their opposition. These merchants are now offering guarantees to the effect that they will coin only the good silver dollars and state that by minting on sound business principles, they can easily do this and at the same time make a legitimate profit. They claim that by handing over the mint to them they will be able to dispense with the services of a lot of useless sinecures, and will be able to save a large amount annually which now goes in commissions to various parties. So far the banks maintain their attitude of objection.

On Monday, the Harbour office will be closed. The Entry and Clearance Office will be open from 10 a.m. to noon only and the Junk Office from 11 a.m. to noon only.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. announce that Monday being a holiday, the Hongkong Dispensary will be open for prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

The Shantung constable charged with stealing a watch given into his custody from the person of a man detained at the police station was yesterday sentenced to four months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Tientsin, July 17. — Foreigners residing in the former German and Austrian concessions here complain of the high-handed manner in which they are treated by the Chinese police and have petitioned the Consular Body to arrange for these concessions to be placed under its control.

The shumshu distilleries about Liaoyang are going to send a deputation to Mukden to get the new extortionate tax on shumshu at the rate of 10 per cent. of the proceeds, simultaneously with the increase to the old rate or postponed for the time being. The shumshu distillers have had unusually poor business returns since Kuo's mutiny last December.

Nos. 41 Jervois Street and 20 Po Hing Fong were comprised in the first property lot put up for auction yesterday at Messrs. Lammert's Auction Rooms and fetched $9,500 (an increase of $500 over upset price), the purchaser being Mr. Wong Chiu-san. The second lot comprised Nos. 41 Jervois Street and No. 30 Po Hing Fong and was bought by the same purchaser for $31,500 (an increase of $4,500 over upset price).

In connection with St. John's Cathedral organ, St. John's Cathedral Notes states:—The alterations to the Cathedral organ are proceeding surely we hope if slowly. The casing is now being put in position and will very greatly improve the appearance of the organ. It was feared that while the main work of reconstruction was being done the organ would be entirely out of action, but Mr. Blackett has devised an ingenius method of having a keyboard placed in the back of the choir stalls by which the choir organ can still be used.

To-morrow is Lammas Day and the ninth Sunday after Trinity.

On Thursday the following notifiable diseases were reported:—one case of diphtheria (from Kowloon); six cases of enteric fever (5 from city and 1 from Shaukiwan). One of the patients suffering from enteric is British; the remainder were Chinese.

Washington, July 26. — A radiogram to the Navy Department from the San Juan, Porto Rico station to-day said a hurricane had demolished all land telegraph lines on the island. The dispatch gave no estimate of the damage caused by the storm.

The mortality returns for the week ending July 10 in Singapore show a total of 315 deaths giving a rate of 42.12 compared with 35.02 in the preceding week and 26.10 in the corresponding week of last year. The infantile mortality rate was 255 compared with 216.4 the preceding week and 200.8 the corresponding week of last year.

The Fishing Bureau of Kiangsu and Chekiang will be formally established at the beginning of the next month at an order of General Sun Chuan-fang. A sum of $10,000 has already been allocated to the Bureau for its opening expenses. Mr. Ho, Director of the new organisation, is at present in Nanking conferring with General Sun.—"Kuo Wen."

There were 1,058 deaths in the Settlement at Shanghai during the month of June. Of this number 921 were Chinese and 46 foreigners. British deaths numbered 12, American three and Japanese 23. Tuberculosis took the biggest toll of deaths for any single disease, being responsible for 96 of the Chinese deaths and three of the British.

A telegram from Soerabaya states that a serious malarial epidemic is prevalent in Rembang, more especially in the districts of Djodjogan, Djatirogo, Singgaan and Senori and the death-rate amongst the natives for the period has more than doubled the normal death-rate. Quantities of quinine have been distributed amongst the native in the hope of combating the epidemic, and the native doctor in Toeban has assumed the leadership in controlling the situation.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Ho Chee-wing, B.M., B.S., 41 Queen's Road, has been added to the official register of medical practitioners.

Mrs. Creasy has been elected temporary president of the Cathedral Women Workers' Guild during the absence from the Colony of the Guild President, Lady Pollock.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed Mr. Lancelot Forster to be a member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from July 27, 1926.

His Excellency the Governor has recognised provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Francisco Bonachea y Romero as Consul for Cuba in Hongkong.

London, July 25.—Mercedes Gleitz, the pretty stenographer who made an attempt to swim the English channel this morning, failed to cross more than one-fourth of the distance, having to be lifted from the water after a swim lasting only five hours.

Mr. William Stewart Davidson, formerly of Shanghai, who died in Pasadena, California, last year, left estate amounting to $16,507 in Hongkong. He was well-known in Shanghai racing circles, and he left his racing trophies and his farm in Canada to his brother, Mr. R. G. Davidson.

"St. John's Cathedral Notes" states that in connection with the Waifs' and Strays' Society a cheque for £22 2s. 3d. has been forwarded to the Society for the support of special cripples of the local branch in the Society's home. This sum, it is mentioned, will be made up to £50 by the end of the year.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Dr. Wilfred Vincent Miller Koch, J.P., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Sir Henry Edward Pollock, K.C., with effect from July 26, 1926.

Bucharest, Rumania, July 25.—William Culbertson, the American Minister to Rumania, was slapped in the face last evening by an officer in the Rumanian army, Captain Postel Nicu. On demand of the Minister, court-martial of the captain has been odered.

Washington, July 26.—Señor Don Juan Riaño y Gayangos, Spanish ambassador, dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, resigned to-day. He will be succeeded by Don Alejandro Padilla, at present minister to Portugal. Don Juan Riaño has been ambassador to the United States since December, 1913.

D. H. Lawson, formerly business manager of "The China Press" and until recently director of advertising for "The Morning Sun," Long Beach, California, has been made business manager and director of advertising of "The Japan Advertiser" (Tokyo). Mr. Lawson, accompanied by Mrs. Lawson, arrived in Japan on July 11 to assume his new duties.

Seattle, July 24.—Governor Wallace R. Farrington of Hawaii declared in an interview to-day that the Territory of Hawaii was without racial problems. "We do not have the least bit of trouble here," he maintained. "Once we did have trouble and looked on the future with foreboding, but the question has been solved in our own way. At present we have a fine stable population, without friction between the several racial groups."

Washington, July 25.—Joseph L. Epps who was awarded the congressional medal of honour 24 years ago for bravery in the Philippines in 1899 has just turned up to claim it. The War Department was unable to find Epps after the award was voted, and he only learned of it by meeting his old commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles W. Vanway (retired) who recently informed the War Department that he was at Panama, Oklahoma. The medal will be conferred on Epps at San Antonio shortly. Epps who was a private is credited with having captured 21 armed insurgents in the Philippines.

Mr. E. H. Berry, a well-known Shanghai electrician has died in hospital from a fracture of the base of the skull. The accident happened on the night of July 14 when the late Mr. Berry fell down in the street, but retained consciousness long enough to ask that he be sent to hospital.

Mr. George Bow, a graduate of the University of Vermount in America and for many years a personal aid to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has been recommended by Mr. Sun Fo for the post of managing-director of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railroad, to take the place of Mr. Li Chao-huan, resigned.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas B. Stearns, a prominent Denver capitalist, with his daughter-in-law is causing widespread comment. Mr. Stearns is 66 and has been a widower for four years. His son Burt died in 1918. The wedding of the elder Mr. Stearns with his son's widow, who is 32, was celebrated at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

As an appreciation of the work done by the Shanghai Municipal Fire Brigade at the disastrous fire on the S. S. Adolph von Baeyer, the owners of the vessel Messrs. Hugo Stinnes Linien have sent a donation of Tls. 500 to the Fire Brigade which sum the owners ask should be used as the brigade thinks fit.

Washington, July 25.—Senator Hiram Johnson (Republican-California) in a statement to-day urged the United States to withdraw without delay the proposal for entry into the World Court. He said Europe was united on but one thing and that was hatred for the United States. He said it was unthinkable that a creditor nation should join a court dominated by "hating debtors."

Logrono, Spain, July 23.—Captain Gallarza, the aviator, who made a flight from Madrid to Manila, narrowly escaped death to-day when the plane in which he was a passenger crashed at Puerto Piqueras. Captain Gallarza was not injured and later motored to Madrid, but the pilot's arm was broken and the other passenger was slightly injured. The aeroplane was destroyed.

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This was snapped on the estate of Mrs. Horace E. Dodge, one of the richest women in the world, just after she had been married to Hugh Dillman, actor. In the party are J. Cromwell, Delphine Dodge Cromwell, Dillman and Mrs. Dodge.

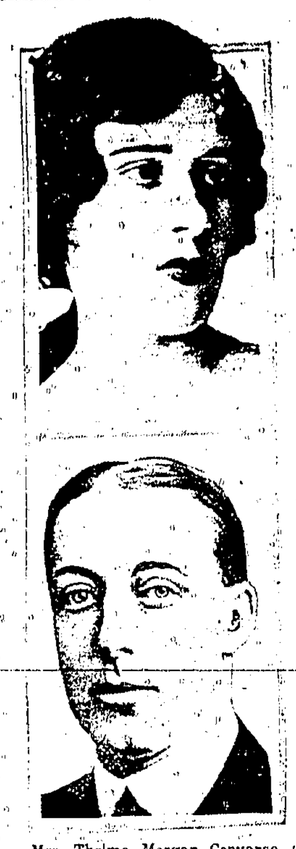
Mrs. Albertina Frank faced a Kansas City Court on charges of complicity in the murder of her husband, E. L. Frank, following the conviction of Carl B. Davis, her alleged sweetheart.

Anna Roosevelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, was married recently to Curtis Boan Dall.

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Aimee Semple McPherson evangelist, who disappeared while swimming at Santa Monica, California, issued a statement denying that her daughter had committed suicide.

Peter Giuseppone (ten) became hysterical at the funeral of his cousins and was restrained from jumping into their grave. The cousins, John (two) and Mary Martola (four) were murdered in Brooklyn. A neighbour has been arrested in suspicion.

Captain David H. Deming was the hero when his steamer, the "Washington Irving," was rammed in New York harbour. He remained calm and directed the ship to shallow water, where more than 300 passengers were safely landed.



Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse, a society leader, and Lord Furness, British ship magnate, have been secretly married, according to a report current in Paris.

Harry Luft, a strong man, tore a telephone book in two whilst bending over a chair.

Here is Ernest Linnekamp's finished painting of Louise Clerc, a New York shop girl, his last choice of his fifteen most beautiful American women.

Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio (top), will be opposed in his efforts for re-election by Atlee Pomerene, former Senator (below), who seeks the Democratic nomination.

William B. Leeds, son of the tinplate king, spent $195 for one telephone call from Del Monte to New York, in conversing with his wife, Princess Xenia. Leeds denies that there is a rift between them.

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These little people, the warmest admirers and most tenacious adherents of Lt.-Com. Byrd, the airman who recently flew from Spitzbergen to the North Pole, are (left to right): Eva, Richard and Katherine Byrd. Their devotion to their distinguished father is more precious to him than the praises of all the rest of the world.

Because it was unshingled, bound up and carried away one night, a little church at Lake Windermere in British Columbia, Canada, has become known as the "Stolen Church." No. 1 is the church in its new surroundings, minus the steeple and bell which were left behind after the removal. No. 2 shows Sinclair's Canyon at Windermere Highway and No. 3 is a photo of Bungalow Camp at Windermere.

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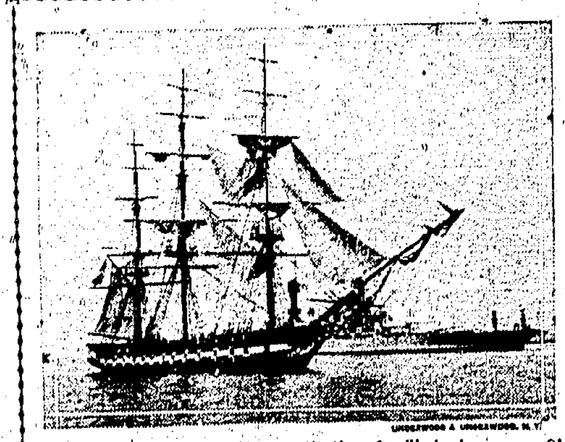
President Coolidge has signed a Bill appropriating $50,000 for the purchase of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, now housed in the building in which the martyred President died. The collection is owned by Mr. O. H. Oldroyd (right) and the Bill purchasing it was introduced by Representative H. R. Rathbone, of Illinois (left).



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Bowlers had a good time, Macaulay, Nigel Haig, Root, Astill and A. E. R. Gilligan (the ex-English captain) all getting "double figures."

Centuries were scored by Makepeace, Mead, Walters (of Glamorgan, who lost), Bowley, Fox. Three centuries" figure in the Northants v. Warwick match, as well as two other big scores; and George "Fanny" Walden, with Whysall, figured if stands for Notts in both innings.

Yorkshire continue to forge ahead. Lancashire also secured an innings victory and now take second place. Middlesex and Glamorgan both drop back, Hants put Notts farther down, and there are a few other changes.

Some of the decisions were reached on very small margins. Details follow:—

London, July 30.

County cricket matches ended yesterday resulted:—

Kent at Blackheath.

At Blackheath, Kent defeated Middlesex by two wickets in a match of very low scores. Details:—

Middlesex (1st innings) 72 runs. Wright took 6 wickets for 29 runs.

Kent (1st) 95 runs. N. Haig took 6 for 43.

Middlesex (2nd) 146 runs. C. S. Marriott took 6 for 36.

Kent (2nd) 125 runs for 8 wickets. N. Haig took 6 for 54.

Haig's average for the match works out at 12 wickets for 8.08 runs each.

Yorkshire's Victory.

At Bristol, Gloucestershire lost to Yorkshire by an innings and 11 runs. Scores:—

Gloucester (1st) 170 runs. L. P. Hedges made 83. Macaulay took 6 for 49.

Yorkshire (1st) 279 runs. Sutcliffe made 85, Oldroyd 72, Parker took 6 for 95.

Gloucester (2nd) 68 runs. Macaulay took 8 for 43.

Macaulay's average works out at 14 wickets for 6.57 runs each.

Lancs. at Leyton.

At Leyton, Essex lost to Lancashire by an innings and 153 runs. Scores:—

Lancs (1st) 359 runs. Makepeace made 140, Hallows 67.

Essex (1st) 77 runs. Iddon took 4 for 23.

Essex (2nd), followed-on) 129 runs. Macdonald took 6 for 52.

Gunn and Whysall.

At Nottingham, Notts lost first innings points to Hampshire in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Hants (1st) 222 runs. Brown made 56.

Notts (1st) 186 runs. Whysall made 52, Gunn (G.) 55. Boyes (left-handed bowler) took 5 for 60.

Hants (2nd) 271 runs for 5 wickets, declared. Mead made 103 not out.

Notts (2nd) 126 runs for no wicket. Gunn (G.) made 74, Whysall 50, both not out.

Glamorgan's Good Try.

At Swansea, Glamorgan lost to Leicestershire by 14 runs. Scores:—

Leicester (1st) 268 runs. Sidwell made 50.

Glamorgan (1st) 132 runs. Astill took 5 for 42, Geary 4 for 46.

Leicester (2nd) 148 runs. Ryan took 5 for 43.

Glamorgan (2nd) 270 runs. C. F. Walters made 114 not out. Astill took 6 for 88.

Astill's 11 wickets each cost 11.81 runs.

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NEW RECORD.

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J. Beresford, junior, has created a new record by winning the Wingfield Sculls on the championship course from Putney to Mortlake, for the seventh successive year.

He won on a foul from T. Collet.—Reuter.

RAIN WINS AT THE OVAL.

London, July 30.

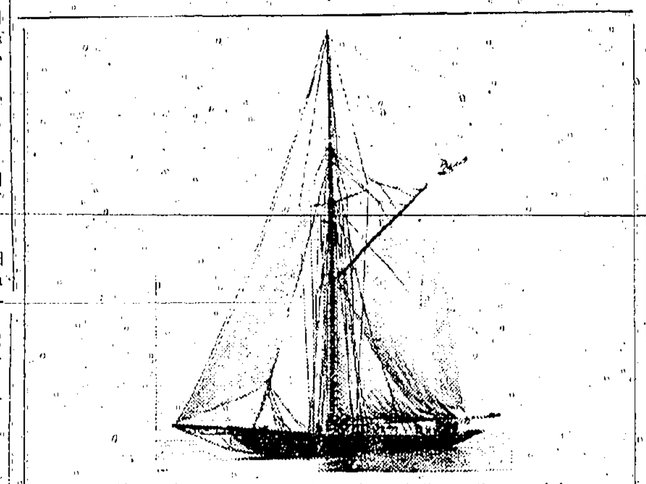
At the Oval Third day of match between Surrey and the Australians:—

Heavy rain fell this morning, the wicket being very wet, and play was not resumed, the match being eventually abandoned.—Reuter.

[The scores stood at:—

Australia 432 runs for 9 wickets, declared.

Surrey 86 runs for 6 wickets.]



H.M. the King's Yacht "Britannia," at Cowes, Isle of Wight, testing a new mast and racing gear preparatory to a race.

Gilligan Declares.

At Bath, Somerset lost first innings points to Sussex in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Sussex (1st) 194 runs. Bowley made 101. Hunt took 7 for 61.

Somerset (1st) 110 runs. A. E. R. Gilligan took 4 for 59, Tate 4 for 41.

Sussex (2nd) 122 runs for 4 wickets, declared.

Somerset (2nd) 161 runs for 9 wickets. J. C. MacBryan made 58. A. E. R. Gilligan took 6 for 45. (Gilligan's 10 wickets cost 10.40 runs each).

As Somerset needed 45 runs, with one wicket to fall, at the close, Gilligan's declaration must have provided excitement for the spectators.

Derbyshire Beat Root.

At Ilkeston, Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by two wickets, after being behind on the first innings. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 221 runs. Fox made 105 not out.

Derby (1st) 190 runs. Storer made 57. Root took 5 for 56.

Worcester (2nd) 173 runs. Morton took 5 for 44.

Derby (2nd) 208 runs for 8 wickets. Root took 6 for 83.

Root's 11 wickets cost 12.63 runs each.

The Big Scores.

At Northampton, Northamptonshire led Warwickshire on the first innings in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Northants (1st) 377 runs. W. W. Timms made 128 and "Fanny" Walden (the ex-Tottenham Hotspur forward) scored 122. R. E. S. Wyatt took 5 for 75.

Warwick (1st) 354 runs. Parsons made 171. V. W. C. Jupp took 6 for 112.

Northants (2nd) 315 runs for 6 wickets, declared. V. W. C. Jupp made 91 and Woolley (C.) made 69.

Warwick (2nd) 64 runs for no wicket.

The championship table now stands at:—

	Pld.	Won	Lst.	Won 1 Ins.	Lst. Ins.	Pos. Pts.	Pts. Obtd.	No. Rslt.	Perc.
Yorkshire	22	11	0	7	2	100	78	2	78.00
Lancashire	23	11	2	4	3	100	70	3	70.00
Hants	20	10	2	3	4	95	63	1	66.31
Kent	21	11	1	2	7	105	68	0	64.76
Glamorgan	18	9	5	0	4	70	45	4	64.28
Middlesex	14	7	2	0	3	60	33	2	63.33
Notts	21	8	5	3	4	100	53	1	53.00
Surrey	18	3	4	6	2	75	35	3	46.66
Essex	22	5	7	5	3	100	43	0	43.00
Sussex	20	5	7	5	3	100	43	2	43.00
Leicestershire	21	5	9	1	3	90	31	3	34.44
Derbyshire	17	3	6	2	4	75	25	2	33.33
Warwickshire	22	2	9	5	2	90	27	4	30.00
Somerset	19	2	8	4	4	90	26	1	28.88
Gloucester	22	3	12	3	3	105	27	1	25.71
Worcester	19	3	10	1	2	80	20	3	25.00
Northants	17	1	10	2	4	85	15	0	17.64

NAVAL POLICY.

CAUSTIC CRITICISM OF THE GERMANS.

AUSTRO-GERMAN DISCLOSURES

Striking revelations in regard to naval policy in the Mediterranean area, before and during the war, are made by Lieut. Baron Mazzetti, an officer of the former Austro-Hungarian Navy, in the "latest number of the German "Marine Rundschau." It appears that the war record of the Austrian fleet has been the subject of contemptuous references by Admirals Tirpitz, Meurer, and other German critics, and Baron Mazzetti is concerned to defend the honour of his old service. He sheds light, in passing, on the cool relations which existed between the German and Austrian naval staffs throughout the war."

In 1910-11, it will be recalled, Austria-Hungary adopted an ambitious naval-building scheme which was to bring the establishment up to 16 battleships, 12 cruisers, and 108 smaller craft. The purpose of this programme, according to Baron Mazzetti, was not so much to maintain the balance of power against Italy, as to enable the Triple Alliance to contest the command of the Mediterranean with the combined Anglo-French forces in the event of war. Italy, in short was then regarded as a prospective war partner, not as a potential foe. "A war plan for the navies of the Triple Alliance had actually been worked out. It provided for the transfer of the Austrian fleet to Taranto, where Admiral Haus (the Austrian Marine Minister) would have assumed command of the united Austro-Italian armada, reinforced by the German ships Goeben and Breslau." How Italy viewed this proposal we are not told, but since her navy was far larger than that of Austria-Hungary it is conceivable that she would have raised objections. Be that as it may, Italy's attitude in the critical days of July, 1914, disillusioned those Austrians and Germans who had counted on the support of her fleet.

A Cool Request.

Baron Mazzetti discloses the fact that when Admiral Souchon, commanding the Goeben-Breslau division, took refuge at Messina before making his dash for the Dardanelles, he sent a peremptory message to Vienna, demanding that the whole Austrian fleet be sent to join him in the Mediterranean. That this cool request should have been ignored is not surprising. Had it been acceded to, the Austrian fleet would have gone to almost certain doom. It would have had to fight not only the Anglo-French forces in the Mediterranean, which were much superior in strength, but probably the Italian Navy as well, since there is every reason to believe that Italy would have treated this Austrian incursion into her waters as a casus belli, and declared war forthwith, instead of biding her time till the following spring.

Souchon's request was characteristic of Germany's readiness to sacrifice the armies and fleets of her allies for the furtherance of her own interests. On several other occasions she proposed that the Austrian fleet should embark on adventures which must have proved suicidal. When the Dardanelles attack opened, Berlin importuned Vienna with appeals for the despatch of the Austrian fleet to relieve the Turks, though the Allied squadrons then in the Mediterranean out-numbered the Austrian force by three to one.

Baron Mazzetti pointedly observes that all this time the powerful German fleet remained inactive, though an effective blow in the North Sea would have done more to relieve the pressure on Turkey, and incidentally on Australia herself, than any action that the latter's naval forces were capable of undertaking. Further, he comments somewhat mordantly on the failure of the German fleet to interfere with the transport of the British army to France, and ascribes to this strange lack of enterprise the subsequent German defeat at the Marne, which led indirectly to Austria's staggering reverse in Serbia and her terrible losses in the Galician campaign.

The Work of Spies.

On the other hand, Baron Mazzetti expresses astonishment that the Allies, in the first months of the war, made no attempt to seize Cattaro, one of the strategic keys of the Adriatic. This magnificent, land-locked harbour became later on the advanced base of the Austrian fleet, when the Montenegrins had been driven from Mount Lovcen, which dominated the position. He explains in detail why the capture of Cattaro would have been an easy task for the Allies, who would thereby have virtually penned the Austrian naval forces inside the upper corner of the Adriatic.

"He has much to say about the ramifications of the Austrian espionage system in Italy. "Brilliant results" are claimed for this system, which resulted, inter alia, in the destruction of two Italian battleships, Leonardo da Vinci, and Benedetto Brin. "Only by a singular accident," he writes, "was Italy spared other losses at the hands of our secret agents, for every precaution had been made for blowing up a third Italian battleship and wrecking munition plants."

In his final summary the Baron hints, more or less openly, that the downfall of the Central Powers was due in large measures to the supineness of the German naval command, which constantly preached boldness to its allies while pursuing itself a policy of extreme caution, bordering on timidity. The publication of this outspoken article in the semi-official organ of the German navy will doubtless evoke a heated controversy, and may result in further piquant disclosures as to the naval war strategy of the Central Powers.

YORK MINSTER.

1,300TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR.

Next year at this time, it is proposed to celebrate in York the 1,300th anniversary of the foundation of the Minster and the revival of Christianity in the North of England. The celebrations will be continued for seven days.

It must, of course, be understood, says a "London Times" correspondent, that the present Minster was not founded 1,300 years ago. No portion of the existing fabric dates from before the Norman Conquest.

But the history of the Minster legitimately begins in the year 627, for it was in that year that Edwin, King of Northumbria, was baptized in a small wooden church built by him for the purpose.

Larger Church of Stone.

This wooden building was immediately afterwards enclosed within a larger church of stone erected round it, and that second church in due time developed into the present Minster. The history is indisputable.

In the crypt of the Minster a well, now dry, is pointed out as the probable site of Edwin's baptism.

In the year 597, the mission of Augustine to Kent resulted in the conversion to the Christian faith of Ethelbert, King of Kent.

Ethelbert's son and successor in the kingdom, Eadbald, at first contemptuous of the new religion, soon became converted and grew to be so firm in his faith that when, in the year 625, Edwin, King of Northumbria, sent to ask the hand of his sister Ethelburga in marriage, he refused on the ground that it was not lawful for a Christian maiden to marry a pagan husband.

Edwin's Courtships.

Edwin pleaded that if Ethelburga were given to him he would not obstruct her in the practice of her religion, but would give her, men and women, to follow their faith and worship after the manner of Christians."

He promised further that if the new religion, "on being examined by wise persons," should prove more holy and better than his old beliefs he would himself become a Christian.

Bede's Narrative.

Ethelburga then became Edwin's wife, and with her to York came Paulinus, ordained Bishop by Justus.

The story of the manner in which the new Queen and Paulinus, supported by Pope Boniface and not unassisted by a miraculous visitation, worked to bring the King into the fold, with the final capitulation of the priests of the old faith at Goodmanham, at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, is delightfully told by Bede.

It was two years before they succeeded; but finally, in the year 627, King Edwin and members of his Court were baptized.

Luck.

Timid Pedestrian (ingratiatingly to sinister-looking giant with club who has accosted him on lonely road): "Er—I—lovely new moon, isn't it."

Man With Club: "Yep—turn yer money over!"

ROMANCE OF HELIUM

BEFORE THE WAR £300 CUBIC FOOT.

[By R. A. Morton, B.Sc., Ph.D.]

The hydrogen gas used to inflate airships is in the highest degree inflammable. Mixed with air it can sometimes explode with great violence. One reason why the Zeppelin proved vulnerable was that incendiary bullets could set the gas on fire. The airship was therefore, displaced by the bombing aeroplane. If a non-inflammable gas with high lifting power could be produced economically the airship would come into its own again. This is where helium comes in.

Helium is called after the sun. Scientists studying an eclipse with the spectroscope became aware of the existence of an element, until then unknown. For 28 years the world was searched unsuccessfully for helium. In the end, an English chemist found it in a rare mineral. The gas is an extraordinary one. It does not burn nor explode, nor form chemical compounds; it is a lazy gas, inert and ineffective in the chemical sense. That is why it was so hard to find.

We have discovered that there is an exceedingly small but quite definite amount of helium in the air we breathe. Strangest of all, it is continually produced by radium, which is constantly shooting off particles of helium. This spontaneous ejection of helium is an essential part of the processes of radio-active charge, which makes radium so remarkable.

The Limited Supply.

When the war broke out, helium cost £300 a cubic foot. The available world supply was 100 cubic feet, enough to fill a few toy balloons. It was fantastic to think of filling an airship with helium.

Here was a gas 92 per cent. as good as hydrogen for lifting, and perfectly safe. It was ideal for a dirigible if only enough could be found. In 1915 it was suggested that natural gas issuing from the earth should be tested to see whether it contained helium. Appreciable quantities were found in Texas, Canada, and France. The importance of these supplies was realised, and in 1918, the United States secretly operated large plants for extracting helium. By September, 1918, 200,000 cubic feet were on the quayside at New Orleans awaiting shipment to France. In June, 1925, the price of the gas—her cost of production—was £6 per 1,000 cubic feet. The American Government has now over 2,000,000 cubic feet of the gas stored away ready for use by the Army and Navy. More is being extracted daily, and its export is forbidden by law.

Waste Elimination.

An airship rises because the inflating gas is lighter than air. On its journey the dirigible will consume fuel, thereby becoming lighter and tending to rise still further. How does it descend? Clearly by becoming heavier. This is accomplished by allowing hydrogen or helium to escape, so that air replaces it. Helium is so valuable a commodity that this procedure involves enormous waste, for the gas cannot be recovered. An ingenius suggestion has been made recently by two Berlin scientists. Every schoolboy who studies chemistry knows that a gas expands by 1-273 of its volume for every degree rise in temperature. The lifting power of helium will be increased on helium. The inflation of the balloon can be so adjusted that electrical heaters inside the envelope effect expansion of the gas, and the airship rises. In order to descend it is only necessary to switch off the current. The wastage of helium is thus reduced to a minimum. The only remaining loss is due to unavoidable leakage. The heating of the helium may prove the solution of the problem of commercial aerial transport. Unlike hydrogen, helium can readily be freed from air with which it gets contaminated in service. Its transport, however, is so far a serious matter, as tank cars are used with enormously strong steel containers capable of withstanding pressures exceeding 2,000 lbs. per square inch.—"Liverpool Post."

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for July.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for July, 1926. (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
July		
" 31	5.54 "	7.05 "

Considerate.

"Jim," said the coal dealer to one of his carters, "make that ton of coal two hundredweight short. It in for a poor, delicate widow, and as she will have to carry all of it up two flights of stairs, I don't want her to overtax her strength."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JULY 31, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2/2 3/4	2/2 3/4	2/2 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 1/4	76 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1125 b	1130 s	1130 n
do. London	£131 n	—	£129 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£20 3/4 b.	£20 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 1/2 n.	£30 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 n.	£13 1/4 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9 3/4 b.	£9 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	$84 b.	$83 b.	$84 b.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	640 s.	640 s	$640 s.
China Underwriters	1.80 b.	1.90 b	1.90 s.
North China Insurance	T145 n.	T140 n.	—
Union Insurance	290 1/2 n	289 b	$290 s
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	40 n.	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	210 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	620 b	625 b.	600 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	25 b.	25 b.	25 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	26 1/4 b	26 1/4 b.	26 1/2 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 3/4 n	2 3/4 n.	2 1/4 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	30 b.	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.) L'd.	40/- n.	—	45 s.
do (") Hk.	—	40 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	—		—
Shell Transports	88/- n	92/6 n.	90/- n.
Star Ferries	67 s	67 s.	$67 s.
Water-boats	15 n	15 s.	15 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 3/4 n	24 3/4 s.	25 s
Malabon Sugars	33 1/2 b.	34 1/2 b.	35 s.
Mining.			
Benguets	1 1/4 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	40/- n.	42/6 n.	47/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 b.	T23 b.	T23 b.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 1/4 n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n	6 1/2 n.	—
Raubs	$4 3/4 n	$5 b.	5 b
Tronoh Mines	64/- b.	64/- b.	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	$122 1/2 n	122 1/2 b 123 s	$122 b
H.K. & W. Docks	53 3/4 n.	54 1/2 b	55 s.
Hongkews	T171 b	—	170 b.
New Engineerings	5.80 b	T5.00 b.	5 3/4 b.
Shanghai Docks	119 b	119 b.	119 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	11 n	11 s	10 3/4 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	65 1/2 n	65 1/2 s	65 1/2 s
H.K. Realty	5 3/4 s.	6 s.	5 3/4 s.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	4 s.	5 n
Humphreys Estates	13 1/2 b.	14 1/2 s.	13 1/2 b
Princes Building	00 s.	90 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 b.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	9.10 b	T 9.10 b	T9 1/4 s.
Orientals	2 1/2 b 2.70 s	2 3/4 b.	2 b
Shangnai Cottons (old)	52 b.	53 b.	52 n.
do. (new)	27 b.	28 b.	27 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	$7 1/2 n.	$6 s.	$ 7 n.
Cements (comb.)	13 1/2 n	14 1/4 n.	13 s
do. (old)	12 n.	13 n.	11 s
do. (new)	2 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 b.
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	19 b	20 s.	20 s.
do. (old)	14 1/2 n	15 s.	15 s.
do. (new)	11 n	11 n	11 s
China Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	5 b. & sa	6 n	5 1/4 s
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	16 3/4 b	16 1/2 n	16 1/4 b
Ewo A Wing (full pd.)	6 s.	8 s	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 3/4 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	2 1/4 n	3 s	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electries	67 s.	66 b 67 s	66 s
H.K. Developments	15 cts s	5 cts. s	—
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s.	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s.	10 n.	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 n	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/2 b	25 sa,	25 10 s
Lane, Crawfords	9 n.	8 3/4 s.	9 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 n.	—
Peak Trams (old)	16 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 b.
do. (new)	7.60 n.	8 n.	7 1/2 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	9 1/4 b.	9 1/2 b.
Singapore Trams	10 3/8 b 12 s.	11 3 b.	—
Taxis	3 s.	3 s.	2 1/2 s
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 b	13 1/4 b
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5.90 s.	5 3/4 b
H.K. Telephone	—	—	4 10 s

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 31st July 1926.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	2/2 3/8
" On demand	2/2 7/16
" 20 day's sight	—
" 4 months' sight	2/2 3/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/3 7/16
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/2 9/16
On Paris—	
On demand	210 nom.
Credits, 4 months' sight	—
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	82 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	83 1/8
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	147
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	"
On Singapore—	
On demand	94 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	107 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	113
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.80
Silver (per oz.)	29 7/16
Bar Silver in Hongkong	6 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	6 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/2 % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, July 30.

Paris	202 1/2
New York	4.86 1/2
Brussels	193 1/2
Geneva	25.12 1/2
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	151 1/2
Berlin	20.42 1/2
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.33
Oslo	23.19
Vienna	34.42 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	31.67 1/2
Lisbon	2 17/32
Rio	7 17/32
Buenos Aires	45 7/16
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/10 1/2
Hongkong	2/29
Yokohama	1/11 11/32
Silver Spot & Forward	29 7/16

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People and Events in the News of the World

Eight years ago Rafaelo Morello was imprisoned on a charge of murdering his wife. After he had learned English in jail he was able to convince the authorities that he was innocent. He has just been released.

Crowds are shown watching the ocean off Santa Monica, California, where Aimee Semple McPherson, an evangelist, was last seen. At the right is her daughter Roberta, whom many followers expect to take up her mother's work.

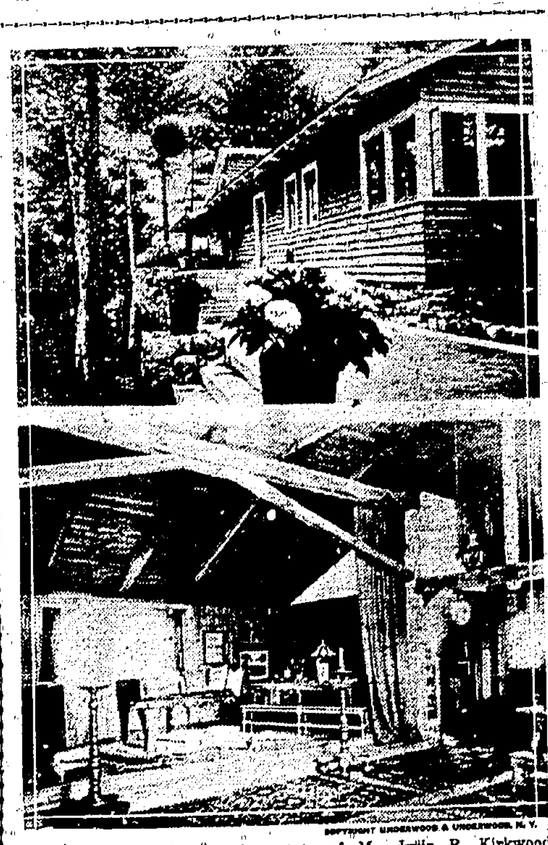
Here is the latest picture of Russell Thaw, son of Evelyn Nesbit, when he attended the reunion of his mother and Harry K. Thaw.

Another photo of Commander Richard E. Byrd, who claimed to have made the first aeroplane flight over the North Pole.

Dorothy Schurmann, daughter of the American Ambassador to Germany, was wedded to James McHugh, a naval academy graduate, in Berlin, on May 15.

Mrs. Alice Harding Pellizi walked into a New York police station to say that she was a bigamist. She was arrested.

Miss Kitty Callahan (25) is believed to be the youngest lady news editor. She is employed on a Winter Haven (Florida) paper.

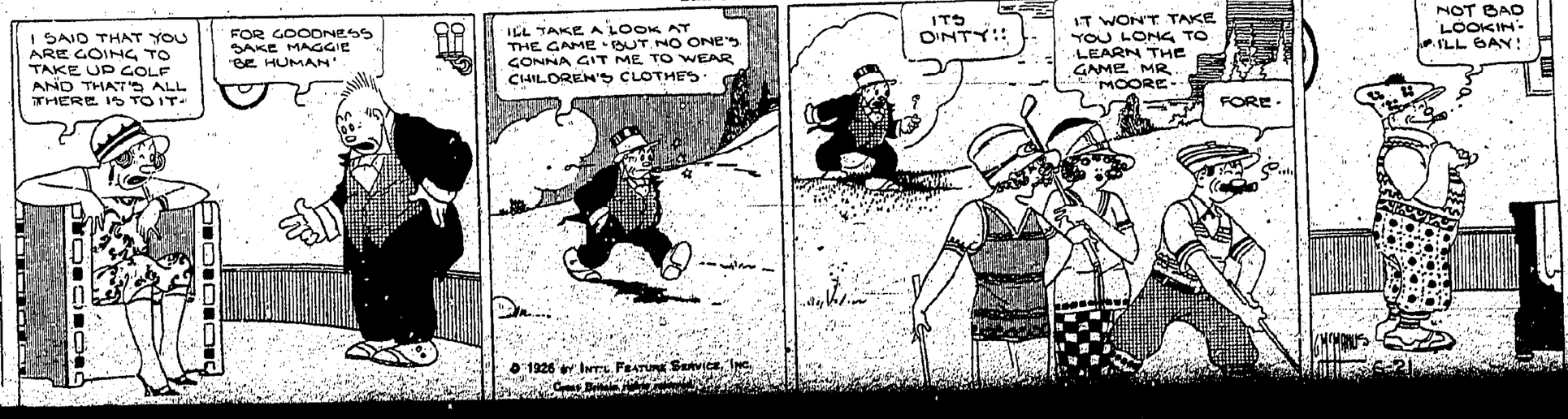


"White Pine Camp," the estate of Mr. Irwin R. Kirkwood, publisher of the Kansas City Star, on the shore of Lake Osgood, Franklin County, New York, has been selected by President Coolidge, as his "Summer White House." Top photo shows the exterior of the cabin that the President will use. The interior of the living room is shown in the lower photo.

Miss Florence Rosalie Kelly (21), of Orange, has been sworn in as a Justice of the Peace, the youngest person to hold such a position in New Jersey.

The liner Seneca, after running ashore at Miami Beach, Florida, after which some passengers charged members of the crew with drinking, was put in dry dock at New York for repairs.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



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"PERFECT MAN."

A THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

ANCIENT MYSTERIES.

Mr. H. E. Lahepart delivered an address on "The Perfect Man" at Thursday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society. Extracts are:—

"In the ancient world in India as well as in the middle East, Egypt, Greece and Rome, perfection—not merely goodness—who aimed at and perfection was gained. In those days there was every where abiding reference to the higher and nobler life, the life of service and of initiation, for in what were called the mysteries men learnt the secrets of life and death, learnt the reality of immortality, learnt that man was a spiritual intelligence dwelling in an earthly body, and that perfection was within the reach of the one able enough to know, bold enough to dare, strong enough to do and discreet enough to keep silence.

Dark Medieval Ages.

Men then realised that human life was not complete when the stages of the student and of the householder had been lived, and lived well, all that was merely the necessary preliminary step for the higher, the truer life of man. In those days the Mysteries had their pupils, and the Entrance to the Ancient Narrow Path, the shorter steeper road to human Perfection, the Portal of Initiation into the Real Life was distinctly marked and pointed out.

Some hundred years ago the last of the outer Mysteries was withdrawn from the eyes of man, for want of pupils in the dark medieval ages and thus only the outer forms and doctrines of religion have been left for the teaching of the Western World.

Yet, the Path was not closed, because single people found their way to its Portal and trod it, but with the withdrawal of the Mysteries as acknowledged Institutions there passed away the last public signpost, pointing, as it were, to that Great Path of Holiness which leads to human perfection.

Secret Societies.

In the East, the tradition of the true Guru always survived, and with persevering effort some found Them and the Ancient Path and treading it reached Perfection.

But it was not until The Theosophical Society was founded that again in the careless ears of the world was sounded the ancient cry:—"Awake, Arise, seek the Great Teachers and attend.

It is true, there had been secret societies through the whole of this time, both in the East and the West. They had the lower forms of Initiation, and from them one after another, went onwards along the higher Path. But they were hard to find and hard to enter, and the masses of the people knew nothing about them. But one outer tradition remained, that Brotherhood of Masonry, that stretches down through the centuries, and is the last survival of the Mysteries of old.

Great White Brotherhood.

It is in symbol though not in knowledge. It is in outer forms though not in inner essence, a witness ever remaining of the reality of the Great Mysteries of the past, whispering sentences scarcely understood by those who speak them, but which, to the ear of knowledge, reveal its origin, and show what it is intended to preserve.

But when the Great White Brotherhood, the Inner Government of the World, sent its Messenger, their great Disciple H. P. Blavatsky, with another noble soul of the ancient group of Their Servers; known in his last physical body as Henry Steele Olcott, to found "The T.S.," a society which stood out as a Messenger from the White Brotherhood to re-proclaim the Gnosis in the face of the triumphant agnosticism and materialism, when in Europe it pointed out to the Hermetic Ancient Mysteries, when in India it pointed out to the ancient Brahmavidya, when within itself it founded its Esoteric Section, then again that cry went out:—"Awake, arise, seek the Great Teachers and attend."

What The T.S. Stands For.

Since that day some have entered the outer court and onwards to the Holy of Holies, where the Great Teachers stand to give the old Initiation. And by the Wisdom of the Great Teachers the Theosophical Society was made to re-proclaim to the world, who had forgotten it, the Reality of the Existence of the Masters, the Men made Perfect and the Existence of the Ancient Path treading which Perfection might be reached, in order that those who are born into the world to-day, who have known the truths in the past, may hear articulately spoken the summons which, in their new bodies, will awaken them to the glorious knowledge of that past; which is necessary in order that the way may be made straight for the Great Teacher Whose Foot is on the threshold of the opening door.

This Pathway to Perfection offers nothing of all the prizes that men seek for and crave. Why should then men strive after a goal so unattractive in the eyes of the world?

Questions For Oneself.

Because of the Majesty and the Glory of the Self, when one glimpse has been caught of that, however fleeting, everything that the world can offer, all temporal, loses its attraction and because of the overwhelming beauty of the One, the great illusion of the worlds of form has no longer power to blind. Do not ask: "Am I making progress? Am I better to-day than I was a year or two ago?—but ask yourself every night "What have I done for others to-day?" Begin to forget yourself, if you would fain enter on the Path. Look around your ordinary surroundings in life and ask what can I do for the service of others? In the constant endeavour to serve, to improve your surroundings, and to share what you have of knowledge and goodness and purity with all who come in contact with you during the day.—There lies the Entrance to the Path.

His Troubles.

On his way home from school little Johnnie looked very sad and worried.

"Dear me!" exclaimed a sympathetic old lady. "Whatever is troubling you, my little man?"

"Dyspepsia and rheumatism," responded Johnnie.

"Oh, surely not," said the old lady. "How can that be?"

"Teacher licked me 'cause I couldn't spell 'em," answered John" dismally.

Lillian Gish, cinema actress, was photographed on her return to New York from Europe. She arrived whilst the Government was trying Charles H. Duell, her former manager, on charges of perjury growing out of his suit against her.

TROUBLE AT SEA.

COOLIES BREAK OUT ON MEDUSA.

REVOLVERS PRODUCED.

An ugly incident which occurred on board the Straits Steamship vessel Medusa in the Straits of Malacca on July 17, and which might have had serious consequences, was described in the Marine Court at Singapore, when two Chinese members of the coolie section of the crew were charged with impeding the navigation of the ship.

Captain William Johnston stated that at 4.40 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, he was on the bridge with the chief officer, the ship being then off Cape Rachado, when the carpenter rushed up in a breathless manner with the chief engineer close behind, and said that the accused had molested him.

Witness left the bridge in charge of the gunner and went below to investigate with the chief officer and chief engineer. When they arrived at the coolies' quarters one coolie—who had not been arrested—rushed at witness in a threatening manner, and witness struck him in self-defence.

Accused's Call.

The second accused rushed towards the European officers threateningly, calling the other coolies to follow him. The officers went back to the bridge, and witness got his revolver.

They went back to the deck and witness produced his revolver but did not fire it. He got the carpenter to point out the men who had molested them, and witness had the two accused put in handcuffs and kept them on the bridge for half an hour.

Witness added that the carpenter was spreadeagled on the deck by the coolies and beaten until he was rescued by the chief engineer. This incident impeded the navigation of the ship, which was then rounding Cape Rachado.

The chief officer corroborated this statement, and added that he fired one round from his revolver over the side, whereupon all the coolies dispersed except the accused.

The Accused Sentenced.

Commander Freyburg, after hearing the defence, found the first accused guilty of assaulting the carpenter in company with other coolies, creating the original disturbance, and later assisting the second accused to try and create a mutiny on board. This man received 28 days' rigorous imprisonment.

The second accused was the ringleader of the disturbance, Commander Freyburg stated, and he endeavoured to strike the captain and urge on the coolies to attack the officers. He impeded the navigation of the ship and endangered its safety. He was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

RADIO INVENTION.

AS PRIVATE AS THE TELEPHONE.

An invention which, if it proved practicable, will render radio communication as secret and private as that of the existing telegraph wires and cables, has just been announced by Issaku Koga of the Tokyo Municipal Electric Laboratory. Mr. Koga said that his device had not yet progressed beyond laboratory achievement, but that the government is preparing a series of tests for it on a large scale.

The inventor, while declining to make public the details of his invention, said that it consisted of special contrivances attached to both the transmitting and receiving apparatus. With the devise, it is claimed all outside interference can be obviated and messages cannot be "picked up" by outside stations.

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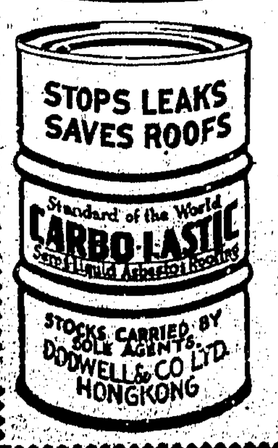

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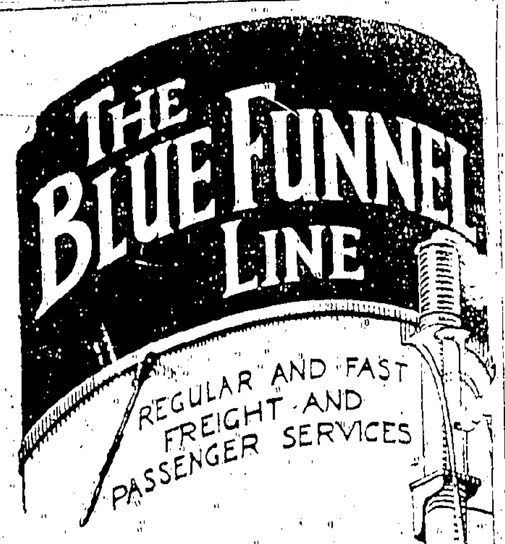

LONDON SERVICE.

"AUTOLYCUS"	16th Aug.	Marseilles, London Rotterdam & Hamburg
"ASPHALION"	24th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"SARPEDON"	8th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow
"HELENUS"	21st Sept.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"EURYADES"	20th Aug.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ANTILOCHUS"	20th Sept.	Genoa, Havre Liverpool & Glasgow
"ATREUS"	20th Oct.	Genoa Havre, Liverpool

PACIFIC SERVICE.

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"TYNDAREUS"	7th Aug	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PROTESILAUS"	26th Aug.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"DEUCALION"	27th Aug.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.
"ANTILOCHUS"	10th Sept.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"SARPEDON"	8th Sept.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"PATROCLUS"	20th Oct.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ANTENOR"	17th Nov.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

TRANSFER OF RADIO COUNTER.

On and after August 1st, the Radio Counter in the Main Hall of the General Office will be closed, and will be transferred to the Radio Telegraph Office on the 3rd Floor of the General Post Office Building. The Counter at the Radio Telegraph Office will be open day and night for the acceptance of radio telegrams.

The entrance to the Building is at the Des Voeux Road, Pedder Street corner.

The doors will be closed after 10 p.m. admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From		Per
SUNDAY,	AUGUST 1.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		Tenyo Maru
EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers only London, 1st July)		Fooksang
MONDAY,	AUGUST 2.	
Shanghai		Soochow
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Pres. Van Buren
TUESDAY,	AUGUST 3.	
Straits		Nagpore
Shanghai		Paul Lecat
THURSDAY,	AUGUST 5.	
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln
WEDNESDAY,	AUGUST 11.	
Australia and Manila		Changte

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
SATURDAY,	JULY 31.	
Bangkok	Taikai Maru	1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via MARSEILLES,—due Marseilles 30th Aug. and Australia and New Zealand via Singapore Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Hakone Maru	
Manila	Liberator	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco 25th Aug. & EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) Parcels 3 p.m., Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Pres. Wilson	
Haiphong	Lessang	5 p.m.
Saigon	Wing Shak Kung	5 p.m.
SUNDAY,	AUGUST 1.	
Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	9 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hoian Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY,	AUGUST 2.	
Amoy	Yingchow	9 a.m.
TUESDAY,	AUGUST 3.	
Sandakan	Mantang	12.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th Sept. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Paul Lecat	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

MELON-CUTTING.

BULLS ACTIVE IN NEW YORK.

BIG PROFITS REALISED.

New York, July 30.

Growingly insistent rumours of substantial melon-cutting led to the continuance of unprecedented activity in the shares of the General Motor Corporation and the United States Steel Corporation. The former, which have risen 30 points this week, touched 195 and the latter 147, buying being undiminished.

It is believed that among the successful bulls William Durant realised $1,500,000 clear profit when he sold out General Motors at 191.

Other stocks are rising sympathetically, based on the usual mid-Summer expansion in the steel industry, record-breaking petrol consumption, and unprecedented freight car traffic.—Reuter.

$8,000,000 DAMAGE.

EFFECT OF HURRICANE IN BAHAMAS.

Nassau, July 30.

In the Bahamas, Nassau bore the brunt of the hurricane. The damage is estimated at least at $8,000,000.

Many families are homeless and beautiful drives are littered with broken glass and masses of debris. Nevertheless, the inhabitants eagerly joined in the search for the picturesque sponge fleet, consisting of 200 small sloops and schooners, among which most of the 150 missing persons were believed to have been drowned. There were sixty fishing smacks arrayed in the harbour before the storm. Only three survived.

The other islands suffered considerably, in one instance eight rum-running boats being hurled on the beach.

One ship was smashed to atoms. The crew having previously rowed ashore, there were no casualties.

Desolation and Death.

Nassau, July 30.

Desolation and death engulfed what only last week was a favourite pleasure ground for wealthy Americans.

The blow fell toward midnight last Sunday. The hurricane approached from the north-east and struck Providence Isle, rooting up trees and shattering the Power Station. The island was plunged in darkness.

Six hours later the storm reached a velocity of 130 miles per hour, the harbour being churned into a boiling rage. Gigantic waves swept over the land, wrecking destruction and annihilating shipping.

The Government mail boats Erontee and Albertine, with crews of 20 and 40, respectively, are missing.

Practically every building in Nassau was damaged.

Vessels are stranded 70 feet above the water level. One steamer is wedged in a liquor warehouse.

A miraculous escape was effected from a pleasure boat which was torn from its moorings and swept out to sea, where it rammed a barge.

The crew and passengers all leapt into the boiling waters and reached the shore.—Reuter.

Porto Rico Damage.

An unconfirmed message from Porto Rico calculates that fifty per cent. of the coffee crop was damaged by the hurricane.—Reuter's American Service.

CHINA.

PEKING AND CANTON AFFAIRS.

Peking, July 30.

The Waichiaopu have recently instructed the Charge d'Affaires in London to inform the Foreign Office that the Chinese Government does not recognise any agreement between Hongkong and Canton, except a settlement of the strike and boycott.

These instructions do not mention the proposed loan agreement as reported in the Chinese Press.—Reuter.

AERIAL PROGRESS.

FIRST LONG DISTANCE CRUISE.

TO EGYPT AND BACK.

Rugby, July 30.

The first long distance foreign cruise by Royal Air Force flying boats was completed to-day at Plymouth when two Supermarine Southampton aircraft under the command of Squadron Leader Livock returned from a round flight to Egypt and Cyprus.

The flight was undertaken as ordinary service exercises to a set time table, a crew of four and a full service load being carried by each boat.

The total length of the flight was approximately 6,000 sea miles, equivalent to nearly 7,000 land miles.

The Route.

Starting from Plymouth on July 1 the route followed on the outward journey was via Bordeaux, Marseilles, Naples and Malta to Benghazi, on the North African coast, and thence to Aboukir. From Aboukir the flying boats made a flight by way of Haifa to Famagusta, in Cyprus, and back.

On the return journey a different route was followed during the earlier stages. Leaving Aboukir on July 18 the aircraft proceeded to Sollum and thence to Athens, a halt being made at Suda Bay, in Crete, for fuel. Corfu was reached on July 21. Thence the final stages were, as on the outward journey via Malta, Marseilles, and Bordeaux.

No Hitch.

No trouble whatsoever was experienced either with the aircraft or with the Napier Lion engines, with which these machines are fitted. The aircraft are equipped with wireless apparatus and constant communication was maintained throughout with the Royal Air Force and other wireless stations.

The machines were moored out to buoys at each port of call, one member of the crew remaining on board each night for watch-keeping purposes. The aircraft were refuelled by petrol taken on board by dinghies.

The result of this cruise clearly demonstrates the feasibility of composing a time table and programme, and adhering to it throughout without being impeded by conditions of weather, unless extreme. It also proves that these flying boats are perfectly capable of long distance flights independently of their bases or of their parent ships.—British Wireless Service.

TRAIN CRASH.

TWENTY CASUALTIES IN FRANCE.

Paris, July 30.

A mail train, going at full speed, was derailed between Noisy le Sec and Rosny.

Four were killed and 16 injured.—Reuter.

Paris, July 30.

The mail train took the points at seventy-five instead of the regulation thirty-five kilometres per hour for trains exclusively composed of mail vans.

The casualties were among postal employees.—Reuter.

FRENCH FRANCS.

London, July 30.

The French francs on London to-day opened at 201½ to the £.—Reuter.

Closing Prices.

London, Later.

French francs closed at 201¼ and Belgian francs at 109¼.—Reuter.

LEE GARDEN SHOW.

The enterprising management of Lee Garden, East Point, put up another al fresco show last night when La Belle Irene and the Royal Hawaiians were presented.

A large, appreciative "house" took the opportunity of seeing the wonderful Chinese sights in the Garden, enjoying the fresh air and watching the show.

Admission is only 60 cents, including entrance to grounds.

The last show will be given to-night, two appearances at 8 and 9.30 p.m., respectively.

MEXICAN FEUD.

GENERAL SHOT IN THE HAND.

ASSAILANT KILLED.

Mexico City, July 30.

Astonishing crowds are waiting in the churches for the final Mass. It is feared that thousands will not gain admission before closing to-night.

The excitement in Puebla terminated with a tragedy. An aged grocer displayed a religious circular in his window and during the ensuing controversy the grocer shot and wounded General Amaya in the hand. The grocer was arrested and was being conveyed to the penitentiary when he was shot dead by some unknown persons.—Reuter.

RUBBER.

QUARTERLY AVERAGE PRICE.

London, July 30.

The Rubber Trade Association's official quarterly average is 21.001 pence. The market has now closed until Tuesday.—Reuter.

Export Percentage.

London, July 30.

The Colonial Office announces that the percentage of rubber exportable at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarter beginning August 1 will be 100.—Reuter.

Fall in Price.

Rugby, July 30.

It is officially announced that 100 per cent. of the standard production of rubber will be maintained as the quota which may be exported at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya during the quarter beginning August 1.

Considerable doubt had been entertained in the rubber market whether this quota would be maintained in view of the fall in the price of spot rubber.

The average price for the quarter ending to-day is a very small fraction of a penny over 1/9. Under the Stevenson restriction schemes the export quota would have been reduced to 80 per cent. if the average price had been below 1/9.—British Wireless Service.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Queen's Theatre, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST, 1926, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

(a) To receive and consider the annual statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the years ended 31st March, 1926.

(b) To elect Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation and an Auditor.

(c) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.

(d) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th day of August to the 10th day of August both days inclusive.

Dated the 31st day of July, 1926.

By Order of the Board,
CHAS. S. ROSSELET,
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"That the 8,000 Deferred Ordinary Shares of $5 each and the 16,000 Preferred Ordinary Shares of $10 each in the Company be re-organised and consolidated into one class of 20,000 Shares of $10 each to be called ordinary shares and to rank as regards dividend and capital pari passu and each share to confer one vote and that the Company's Memorandum and Articles be altered accordingly."

Should the above resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on the 25th day of August, 1926, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

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